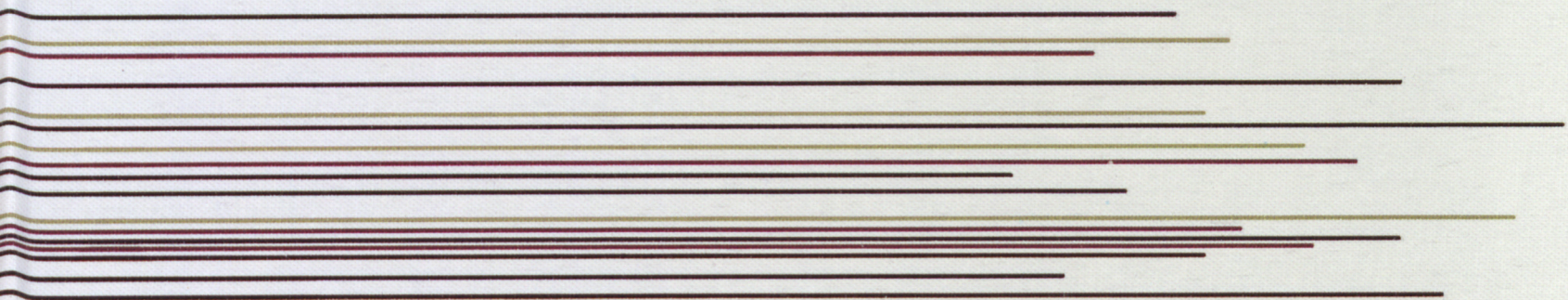
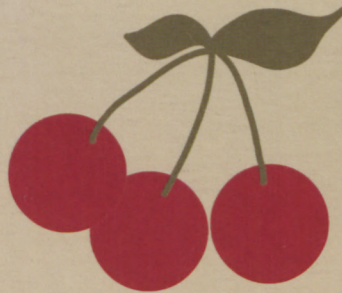


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A Letter From the Editor-in-Chief

In an attempt to decide on a theme for the 2015-2016 edition of the Cherry Tree Yearbook, the staff, our advisor and I found ourselves repeatedly lingering around the idea of GW's history. As an organization founded in 1908, we were fascinated by the idea of how our job as a publication has transformed and our purpose has changed in 108 years. So we looked for ways to capture that essence of GW's history, through archived yearbooks and vintage photos. What we found to be consistent throughout these volumes (besides questionable choices in hairstyles), was the unconscious way that history seemed to speak for itself. Each year appeared to exhibit the essence of that period in time, from the purely aesthetic to deeper attitudes and sentiments toward the world. To us, this was a goal—to capture the essence of the year in photos and stories. But how could we accomplish this task while honoring the past and without the hindsight of history to tell us what would be significant?

In some ways, images of the past at GW float around the campus like ghosts: in archived photographs haunting the cafeteria tables of J Street, or on sidewalk bricks printed with the names of former graduates in silent tribute, hidden underfoot. What the campus was once like is now virtually unknown to current GW students. The same can likely be said of students from 20, 50, to 100 years ago. Just as the location of libraries and departments change, so does the idea of place. Some of the places that become the most familiar, and as gathering spaces for GW students are not all necessarily physical spaces, but digital ones. Websites like Blackboard, the Overheard at GW Facebook page, and Dean of Student Affairs, Peter Konwerski's Twitter feed have become places that we all know and have come to consider common ground between us. These dynamic places are not any less valid to us, or the GW's history, only more complicated to capture in a printed volume such as the yearbook. But that is the dynamic nature of GW, and one of its most valuable qualities—to keep progressing forward, diversifying in its student body and innovations—and more recently in reaching out to new and unexpected arenas of innovation in engineering and fine art.

If a time-lapse video had been taken over the five-by-six block radius of campus, beginning in the 2012 school year to the present, the starting image would look very different from the final frame. Something that has characterized so much of campus life in the past four years has been the transformations of the urban landscape, in the form of the numerous construction projects completed during that time. Shiny new buildings now dot the landscape, gleaming with natural light, modernist furniture straight out of 2001: A Space Odyssey, and “green walls.” One of the more subtle building projects of recent years was the renovation of the Woodhull House, on the corner of 21st and G St. The building, constructed in 1855, was once home to William Seward, Secretary of State under Abraham Lincoln and purchaser of the Alaskan Territory. The building was acquired in 1921 through the donation of former Board of Trustee member Major Maxwell Woodhull. Today, it stands new again as a testament to GW's long history; and as of 2015, quite literally, as a museum dedicated to it as well. Today the building is home to the George Washington University Museum and Albert H. Small Washingtoniana Collection.

Both the Woodhull House and the Cherry Tree Yearbook have evolved to stand the test of time. It serves its purpose as an indication of time spent at GW, containing within its pages the stories of our year. Like the Woodhull House, the yearbook is not at first glance a record of GW's history alone. But upon looking back, at the faces, places, and events contained in its pages, we behold that history, and preserve it forever. We hope you enjoy the 2015-2016 edition of the Cherry Tree, and find within it your own piece of history.

- Alexis Larraine Clark









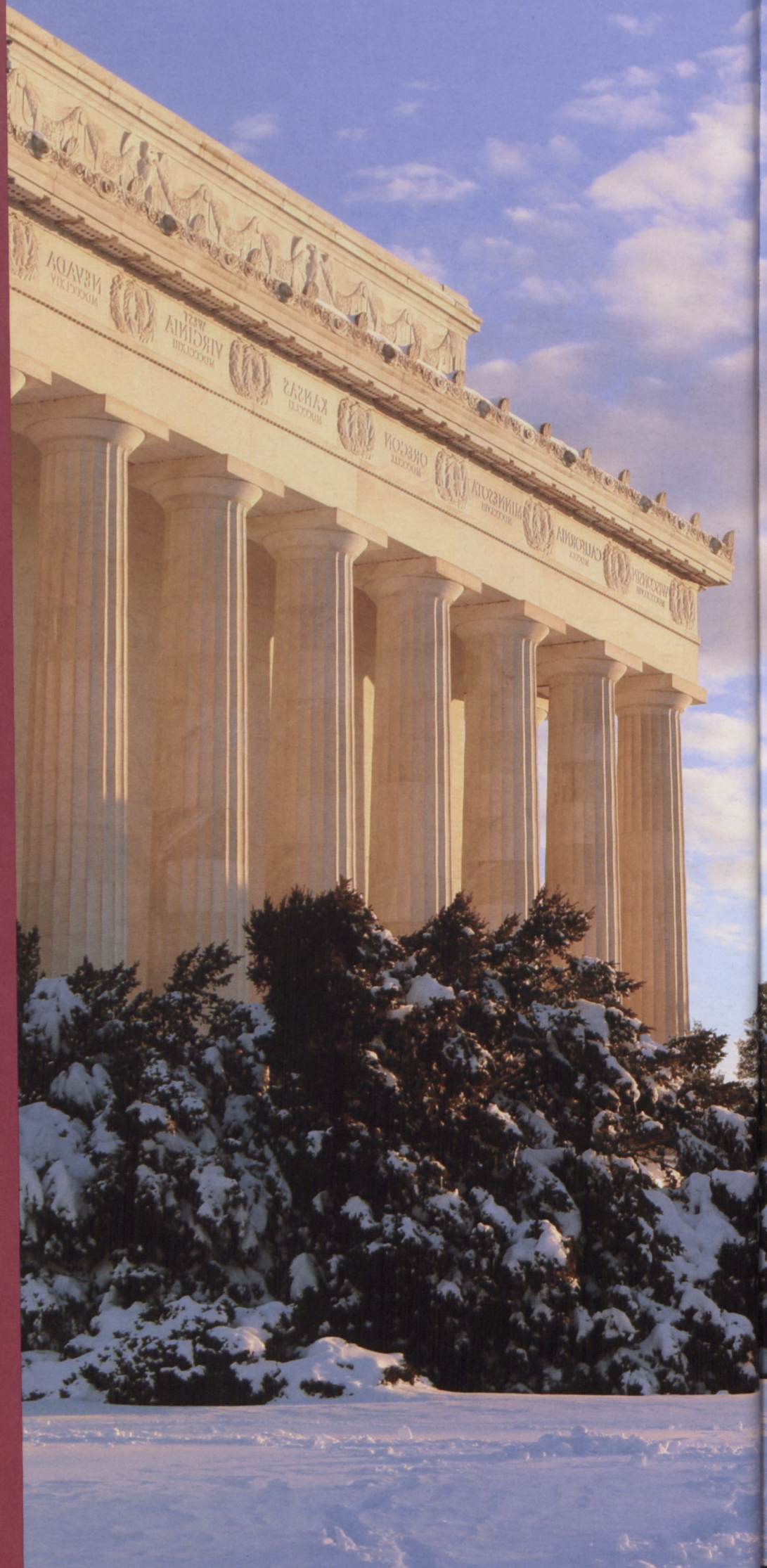









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Welcome Home, Fall Move-In Colonials





The year begins as students arrive on campus

On the weekend of August 31st, after a long, quiet summer, the campuses of George Washington University burst forth once more with activity, as nearly 10,000 undergraduate students from across the world arrived on campus to begin the fall term. For some, this was their final move in, for others, this was their first time in a dormitory. For all, this day marked the beginning of a new, exciting year.

Many freshmen, gathering all the belongings they thought they would need over the course of the year, were worried about the move in. Surely, getting thousands and thousands of students and all their belongings into their rooms would take hours. However, students and parents alike were helped along during the move in by volunteers, many them the Resident Advisors that would keep a watchful eye over them over the course of the following year.

As the local business of Foggy Bottom was rivalled by the sudden influx of students, the peaceful serenity Mount Vernon campus was, for the day, shattered, as students moved in. Many freshman, having only seen a few rooms on admissions tours, were understandably nervous about the state of their rooms. Many were thrilled.

"My room at home is much smaller than this! Having two windows, desk space, and a spacious closet is pretty great," said Sebastian Vazquez, a freshman moving onto the third floor of West Hall.

As Move-In 2015 proceeded, with the first week of classes around the corner, thousands of students settled into their rooms and their new surroundings for the fall semester. It was an excellent start to the school year.





Welcome to the Fall Fest (U) Yard



On Saturday, September 5th Program Board finished the 2015 Welcome Week with Fall Fest, the annual concert in University Yard. The event lasted throughout the afternoon. Students new and old came outside, braving the hot temperatures of summer in DC to enjoy music, food - and of course - to enjoy an afternoon with the rest of the school.

Rocking in the new school year at Fall Fest

First to perform for the afternoon was Holychild, a musical duo comprised of GW alumni Liz Nistico and Louie Diller. This continued a longstanding tradition of GW alumni bands kicking off the Fall Fest lineup. The duo entertained the audience with a few songs, including their recent hit "Running Behind." After finishing their set, Mø took the stage. Some students were lucky enough to go backstage to meet with Mø.

"I went with some people from my floor (in Mitchell). We were there just to see Mø perform. That was the best part," said Mike Zapata. "Meeting her at the end was really cool too because she was so nice. She had no problem keeping up conversations and taking pictures with all of us, who had backstage passes."

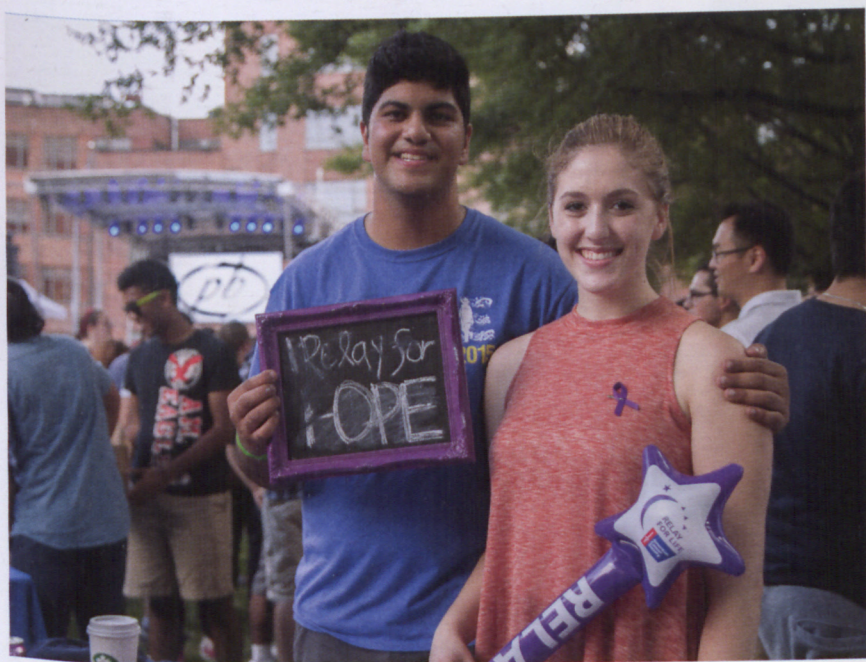
This year's Fall Fest was undoubtedly a great start to the school year. Freshman, and returning students who had started the week nervous about classes, roommates, and dorms were able to relax for the afternoon. Fall Fest was an excellent way to finish the turbulent week off with a truly memorable party.

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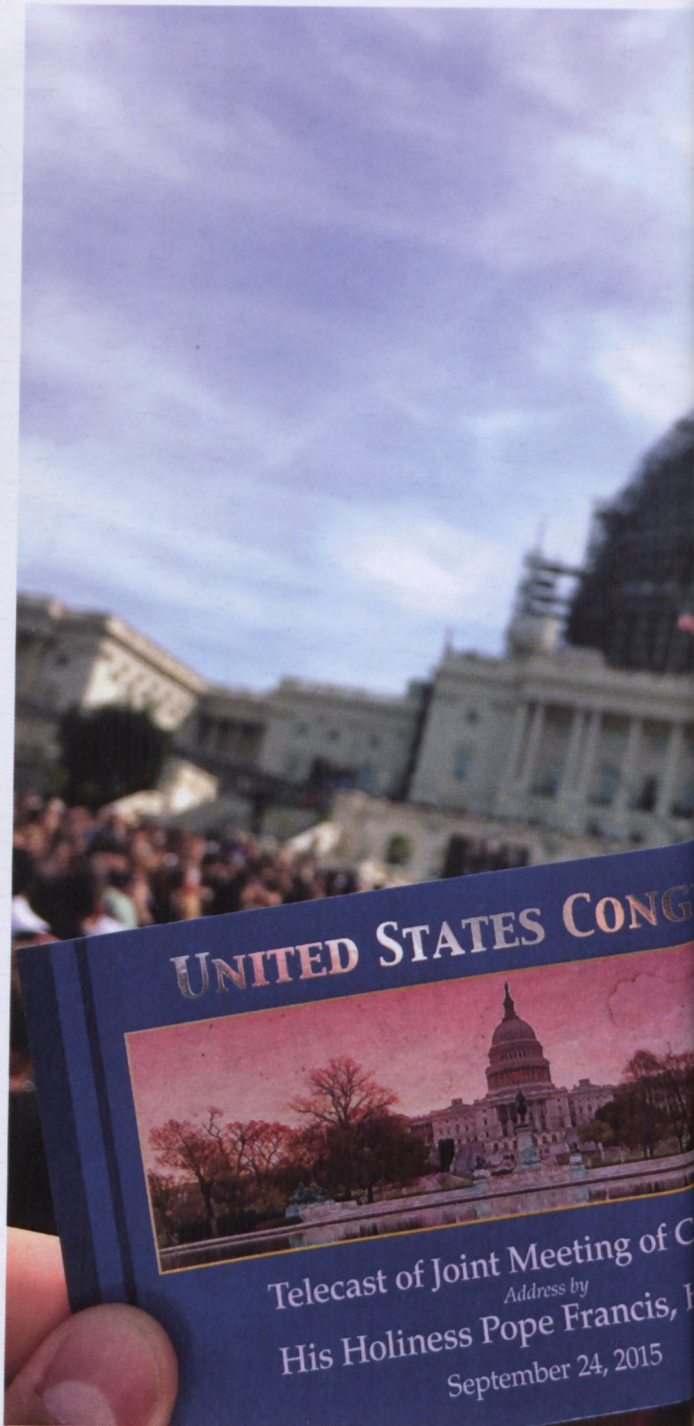
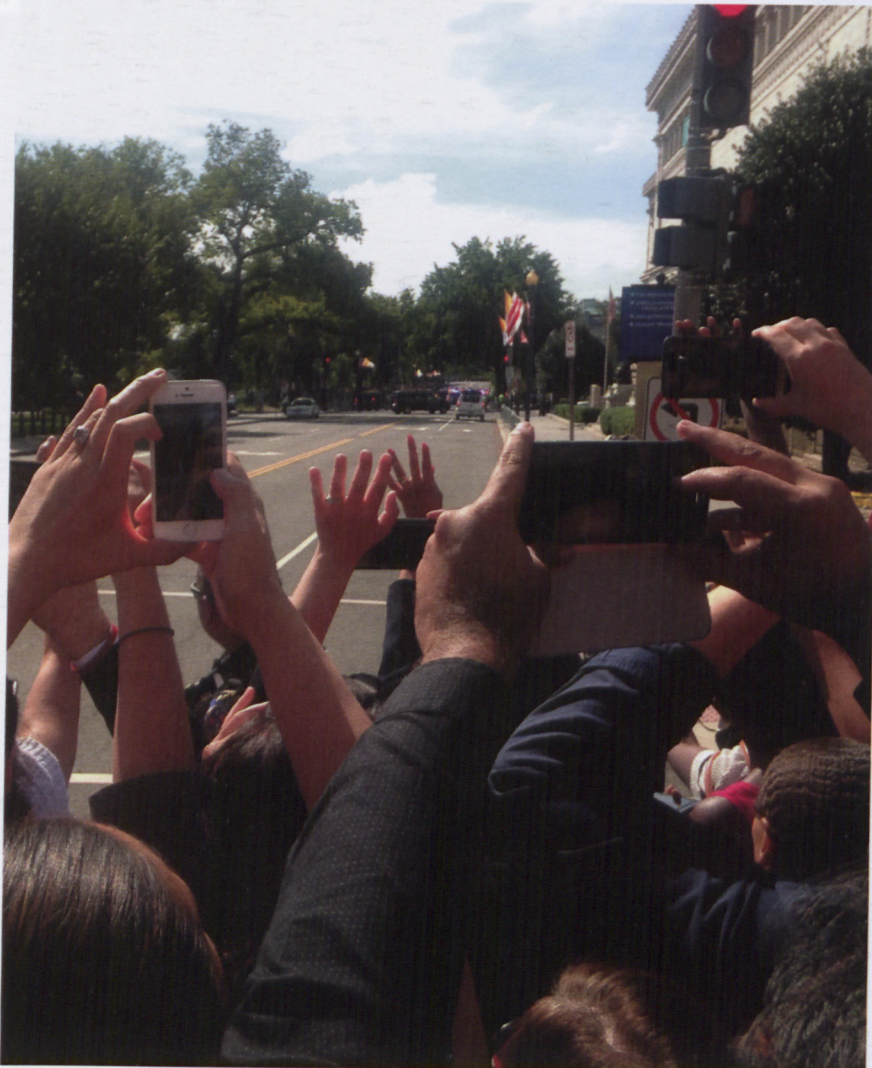
HOLYCHILD





Above: A group of 20 GW students attended Pope Francis' sendoff at Andrew's Air Force Base. After leaving Washington, DC, the pope flew to New York.

Below: GW students along with many Washingtonians and visitors waited along the parade route to catch a glimpse of Pope Francis driving by.



The Pope Comes to Washington

Papal Visit



Students flock to see the Pope during his rare visit to the US

As September drew to a close, students faced one of the ultimate Only at GW Moments. Pope Francis was coming! As he landed in Washington on the afternoon of the 22nd, nearly every student was planning to see him, and they had multiple opportunities to do it.

The first of these came the next morning, when Pope Francis paraded down Constitution Ave. only a few blocks from campus. Dozens of students woke up as early as 12:30 AM to spend a chilly morning waiting between the Washington Monument and the White House, to catch a glimpse of the pontiff. As the Pope-mobile rolled down Constitution Avenue, waving and blessing the throngs of people, students were able to be in the presence of a world leader, and had enough time to take pictures (and selfies) as well.

The next morning, the Pope spoke again, this time at the Capitol. After an address to Congress, he walked out to the balcony to speak to the throngs of people who again waited on the West Front Lawn. One member of the crowd was Joseph Savino, who described being there.

"The sound of applause was impermeable, and joy covered the crowd," said senior Joseph Savino. "He came outside to the Capitol's balcony and the first this he said was, 'Buenos días!' The crowd erupted; Pope Francis knows who he is, knows where he comes from, and the crowd really felt that. He is a Pope of the people, a self-identified sinner. He made me very proud to be Catholic."

Although the trip itself was brief, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see a world leader that GW students can look back upon in the future.



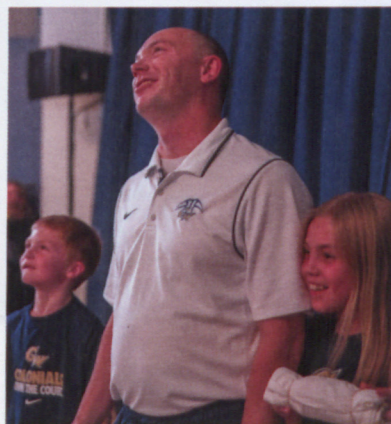
Above: Joseph Savino, a senior, received a ticket to watch a live telecast of the pope's address to Congress from outside of the Capitol Building.

Left: A group of GW students camped out over night along the parade route that Pope Francis would go down the next morning. They were able to have front row spots to see the pope because they arrived early that morning.



Headed Back

Colonials' Weekend **to School**





Basketball and John Stewart mark 2015 Colonials' Weekend

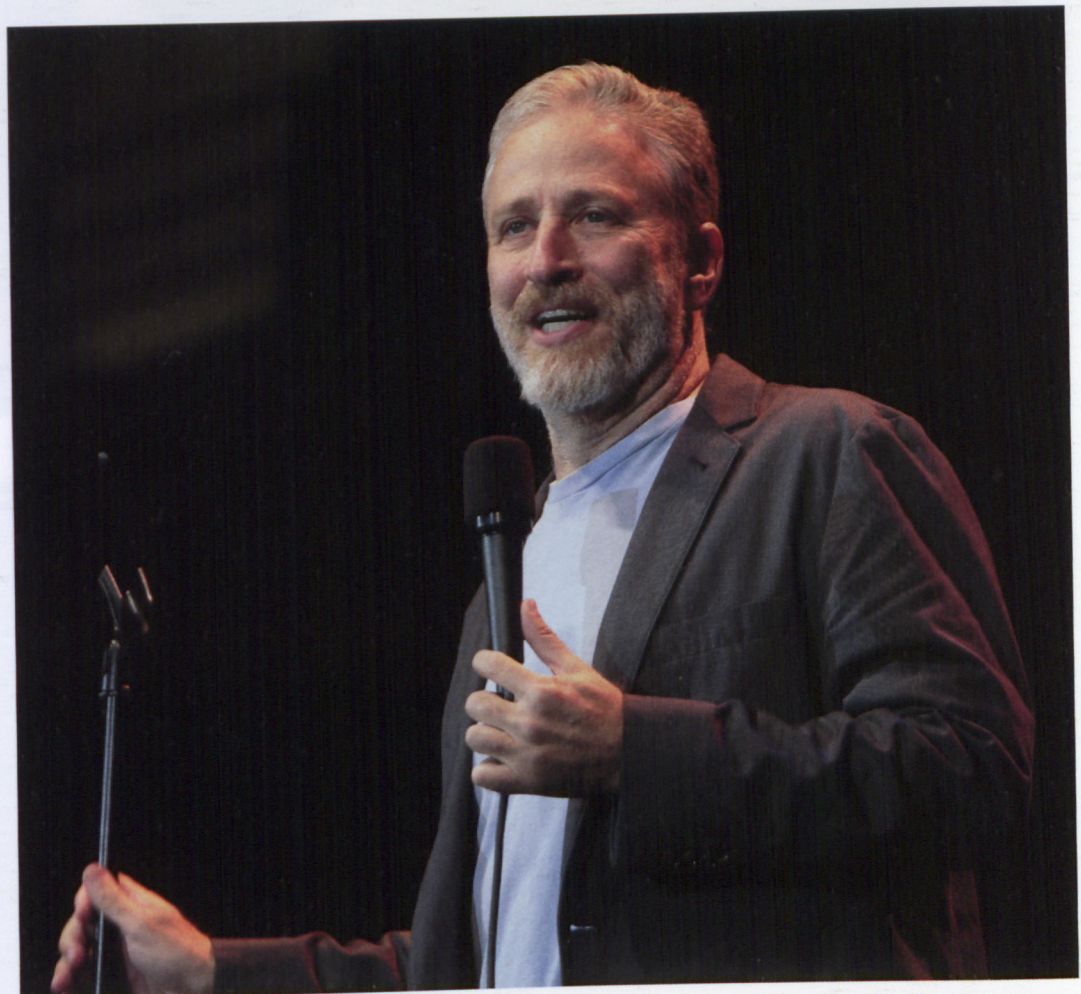
From October 16th to October 18th, campus brimmed with excitement, as students' friends and family came from across

the world to celebrate Colonials' Weekend. It was a weekend filled with numerous activities for students and parents alike, from basketball games, to breakfasts and brunches for the whole family.

The weekend began on Friday afternoon, with Colonials Invasion. Parents and students alike cheered as the basketball season officially began, and enjoyed performances from a number of student organizations. On Saturday and Sunday, there were a number of events students could bring their parents to, from special showcase classes taught by the deans and professors, to dozens of student performances. Finally, the weekend ended with a comedy show from Jon Stewart. Over the course of his two performances, he made fun of the presidential election and talked a bit about life after leaving his show the "Daily Show," which he had led for over 15 years.

This was also an opportunity to see some of the city for the parents. Senior Jocelyn Shworak, whose parents have visited before, described her Colonials Weekend. "We eat meals together, do some sight seeing, and we always go see whatever act is performing for parents weekend."

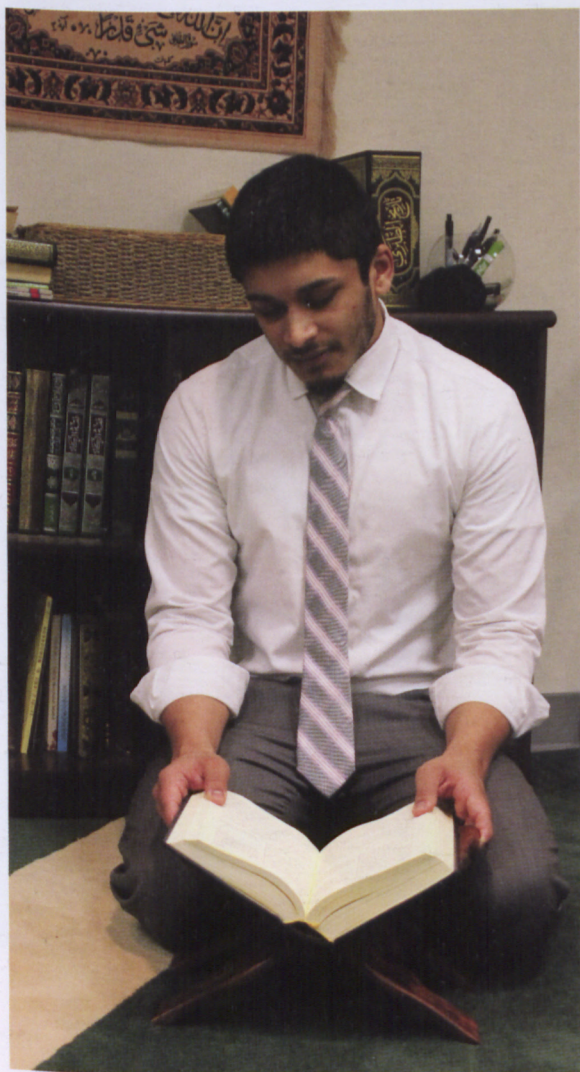
Parents had been able to reconnect with their students, some of whom had never been away from their parents for a full semester, and students had been able to relax with their families after a month and a half of classes. By the time Monday the 19th arrived, students were relaxed after spending a few days with their parents, and were ready for classes and midterms.



A Colonial Leader

Rafay Ahmad

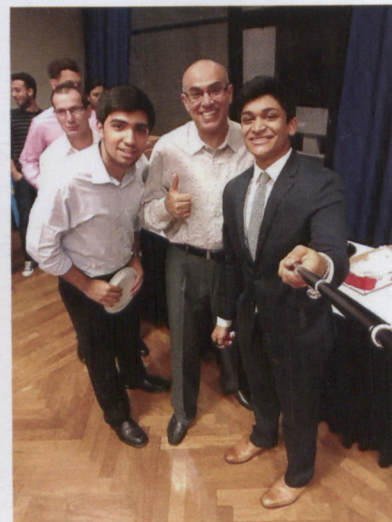




President of MSA tackles multiple leadership roles

Rafay Ahmed is the president of the Muslim Student Association and the treasurer of the Autism Neural Development Group. Rafay is a junior from Maryland, majoring in Business Administration, with a minor in Arabic. He first got involved in the GW MSA in his freshman year. The Muslim Student Association gave the then freshman Rafay a sense of community he had not felt before on campus. For Rafay, the lobby of the fourth floor of the Marvin Center, where Muslim Prayer Space, or Musallah, is located, is an area where the Muslim community specifically congregated to talk, study, and essentially have fun.

He applied to serve on the Board of the MSA for his sophomore year. Starting out as the Education chair, Rafay soon found himself working as both vice-president and treasurer, and became very involved in the association. The following year, he became president of the organization. Under his leadership, the MSA has had a very busy year. The organization has run several events, starting with a banquet in celebration of the Islamic Holiday Eid ul Adha, which is both the MSA's celebration of the holiday and, due to its current timing in late September, the first MSA event of the year. The Banquet served as a way for Muslim students to reunite after the summer, and to meet new Muslims. The year also ended with a banquet, held on the top floor of the Elliott School, where students met one last time before finals, and to say goodbye to that year's Muslim graduates. They also have several monthly events, including the weekly Muslim Service, held in the lower floor of church on the outskirts of campus, and events where students travel across Washington giving food and making friends with local homeless residents. One interesting activity the MSA organized in March was Muslim Monologues, an event where Muslims gather to showcase their Islamic Identity through spoken word, poetry, song, and of course, monologues. Rafay's tireless work with the Muslim Student Association at George Washington has made him a well respected member of the community. He has in a few short years become a leader of the Muslim community at GW.



Scaring is Halloween Caring





Celebrating the community this Halloween

Members of the GW community gathered in Kogan Plaza to celebrate Halloween at Boo Bash. Music was playing, students passed out glow sticks, and a few fraternities set out deserts and other Halloween treats.

Many were wearing their costumes, testing them out the night before Halloween. Matthew Sutija, one of these students, had had some difficulties in assembling his own costume. "I wanted to come as a pinata, but the store didn't have any. So, I got a jack-o-lantern, cut a hole in the bottom, and put it on my head." He had also accessorized his pumpkin with several glowsticks.

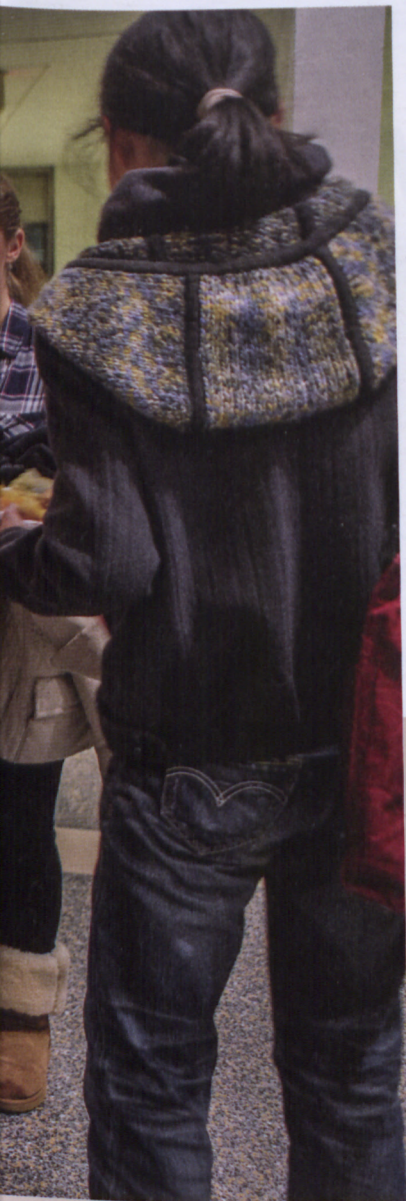
Matthew was one of many students who attended the event in costume, arriving several minutes early in order to beat the lines that free food in the middle of campus would inevitably draw. By 8:35, lines zigzagged across Kogan as students waited to get food and snacks served by GW students and staff.

While some students enjoyed their Halloween with parties, other students used the holiday as an opportunity to participate in community service. Volunteers navigated the Foxhall neighborhood near the Mount Vernon Campus, participating in the seventh year of the GW Trick or Treat for Service event. They collected nonperishable goods to donate to the Capital Area Food Bank. The event was able to get almost a ton of food, enough for 1,600 meals.

By Monday, November 2nd, students were once again energized, from both the fun and the tremendous amounts of candy available on campus, and ready to take on the oncoming weeks of school.







Burning up the Midnight Breakfast Midnight Oil



At 10pm on Tuesday, December 9th, as classes for the Fall semester ended, and exam season began, students filed into the Marvin Center for the Midnight Breakfast. In a few minutes, a line stretched from the entrance to J Street across the Marvin Center, as students waited in line for breakfast food served by GW faculty and administrative staff.

Facebook, Food and Fun at the 2015 "Social Media" event

While students feasted on the first floor, many student programs had organized activities on the third floor. The Alexander Hamilton Society organized trivia competitions, with candy prizes going to whoever answered questions about Alexander Hamilton. The Cherry Tree, on the neighboring table, organized a matching competition with photos from varying decades of the yearbook's century of use. One of the biggest hits was the room organized by the Class of 2016. Seniors wrote down what they hoped to do to make an impact on GW for the better.

This year's Midnight Breakfast was themed around the social media, with students organizing rooms based off of different internet sites. One room played Youtube Videos until midnight, students were able to create their own hashtags in the Twitter room. In the Continental Ballroom, organizations put on student performances. Students were able to show off the singing, dancing and other performances they had been working on.


By midnight, students felt slightly more relaxed, and more prepared to take on the exams that they would be having over the course of the following weeks, and the semester was ended with food and festivities.





Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Snow Storm Jonas Let it Snow(zilla)





All events and activities
are cancelled due to
inclement weather

DC Gets Buried Under Feet of Snow

January is usually a month of snowstorms for Washington, DC. However, by the 20th, news reached campus that snow would

at last be imminent. GW was opened for a half day, and the Federal Government was shut down, ready for the snowstorm. By the afternoon of the the 22nd, snowstorm Jonas had begun, and would continue throughout Saturday.

Leading up to the snowy event, many upperclassmen and DC residents recalled the Snowpocalypse of 2012, and started to stock up on the necessities. Lines in the Foggy Bottom Whole Foods were disrupting foot traffic in the store as early as Wednesday. By Monday, shelves were empty, with nearly every carton of eggs, gallon of milk, and loaf of bread bought in preparation for a very long weekend indoors. Even President Knapp was seen stocking up on food with his wife at Whole Foods during the weekend.

Students rejoiced at the news that Monday Classes would be cancelled. They took advantage of the free day to spend time with friends, to work on their homework, and above all, to enjoy the weather. Students flocked to the Mall to marvel at the snow covered monuments, add to the growing DC Snapchat Story, or to spend some time with their friends outside. However, many had to go on foot, as the DC Metro and buses were shut down for the severe weather emergency.

On Tuesday, with much of the DC area unplowed, and the Vern Express still facing some difficulties with its commute between the two campuses, GW classes resumed.



195 Years Old

GW Birthday

Young





Cheers to GW, the man and the university

9th, with Charter Day, the day the University was officially founded. The university celebrated its 195th birthday this year. The statue of George Washington from Madame Tussaud's, along with the University Charter, were on display in the Marvin Center for the day.

Homecoming weekend ignited with the GW Birthday Bonfire. Students came from across campus to honor the school's namesake, and a massive bonfire was lit at 5pm in U-Yard, behind one of the many statues of Washington that dot the campus. Marshmallows were made available for roasting, and many enjoyed a pleasant evening with their friends.

Homecoming Weekend also featured several athletic contests. Although both gymnastics and women's basketball played, the highlight game was Men's Basketball against La Salle, who had defeated George Washington last year 63- 50. This time around, the team was victorious, with a final score of 90-50.

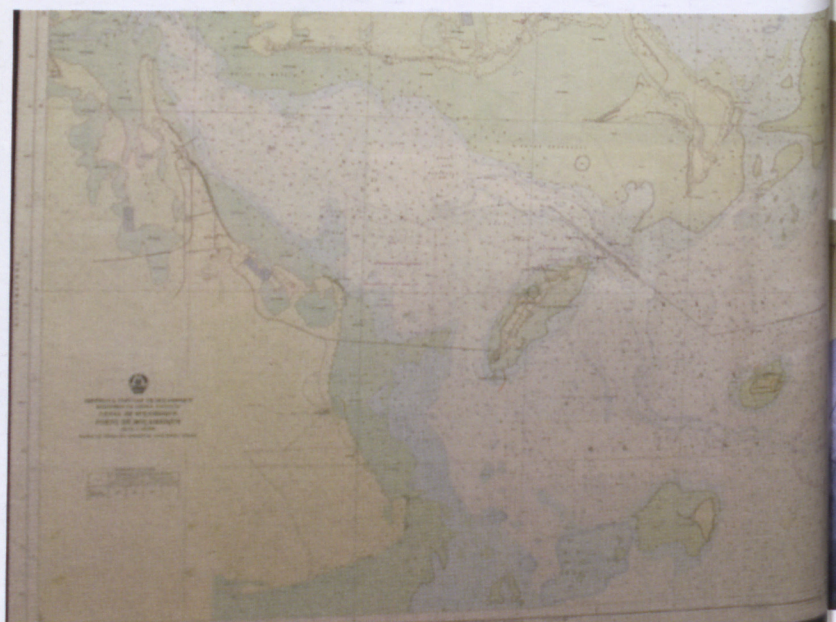
Celebrations ended on Monday the 22nd, Washington's birthday, with two events. The first, a literal homecoming, brought GW students to Mount Vernon, to pay their respects at Washington's grave site, where a wreath was laid. The final event was a lecture by Dr. Bartoloni Tuazon, a published author on George Washington, who discussed the debates that lead to the title of "President".



Uncovering Treasures

Professor
Lubkemann

of the Sea





A life devoted to the study of those lost

Professor of Anthropology and head of the Slave Wrecks Office at the George Washington University, Professor Stephen Lubkemann is a very busy man. In addition to being a mentor to GW anthropology students, he also spends much of his time off the coast of Africa as an archaeologist with the Slave Wrecks Project.

The Slave Wrecks Project is best known for its work with the soon-to-be-opened Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. One of the key artifacts the museum will feature is a slave ship, the *São José*. It was a cargo ship that sank in the late 1790s off of the coast of South Africa. The ship's artifacts would not have found their way from the bottom of the ocean to the National Museum of African American History and Culture without the efforts of Professor Lubkemann and the Slave Wrecks Project, who discovered the ship's existence from a captain's account of the shipwreck in 2010.

Professor Lubkemann and those working with him at GW are some of the many researchers and organizations across the world studying topics related to African migration and these slave ships. Lubkemann leads the project along with members of the Iziko Museums of South Africa.

"It's inspiring to work with Professor Lubkemann," said Diogo Oliveira, a sophomore studying anthropology who works with Lubkemann at the Slave Wrecks Office. "I mainly work with the documents that are related to the shipwreck; these include the documents about the investigation. I generally analyze the documents, transcribe them and translate them from their original Portuguese to English to be used by other project members. I also help in researching possible new wrecks, and am currently using archival material to research a possible new slave ship wreck"

In addition to his work with the Slave Wrecks Project, Professor Lubkemann has also conducted studies on migration and refugees, particularly in relation to immigration from Liberia to a number of countries. He has taught a variety of courses in anthropology, many with a focus on Africa.







GW Travels

Study Abroad



With hundreds of destinations across the entire globe, students can spend a semester, or a shorter period of time, virtually anywhere in the world - from Mexico to China, from the United Kingdom to Australia.

Colonials travel across the globe to expand learning

While roughly half of all of GW's students will spend some time studying abroad, the number has been steadily increasing for well over a decade. The the greatest proportion of students are sent abroad from the Elliott School of International Affairs, with over 80% of the school spending a semester abroad. The school of Engineering and Applied Sciences currently sends the smallest proportion, just short of 30%.

Semesters abroad are not always available for those studying wide fields or double majoring. For this, there are a great many programs that occur in less time, so as to give an international experience in a few short weeks. One such class is "The Prince of Freedom: Normandy 1944", a class discussing the D-Day landings in Normandy, France that occurred during the Second World War. Over March Break, students in the program travel with Professor Long to France, and spend the break travelling across the very Normandy beaches they had been studying for the past few months. This is only one example of the many fantastic programs GW has available to allow students to travel across the world to see in person the places discussed in class.

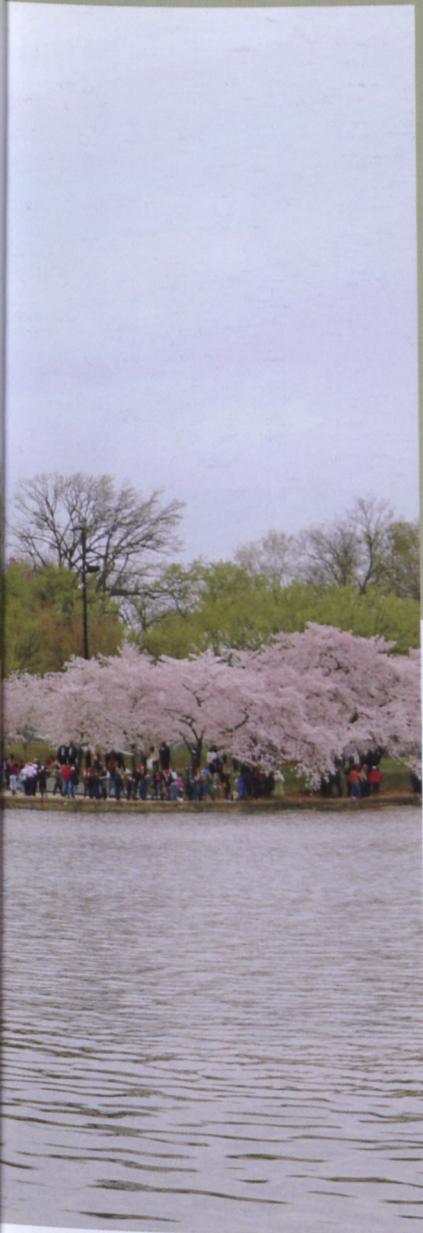
With over three hundred approved programs in well over 60 nations across the world, students have access to destinations on all seven continents, and the ability to learn through conventional lectures and through exposure to new languages, cultures, and people.



DC Turns Pink

Cherry Blossoms





The District celebrates the Cherry Blossom Festival

After Spring Break, GW Students traveled downtown to the Tidal Basin to witness one of Washington's most famous attractions - the Cherry Blossom Festival. The trees were given to the City of Washington by the mayor of Tokyo in 1912 as a symbol of American-Japanese friendship. The weeks in which the several thousand trees bloom see Washington at its very busiest, when millions of tourists and Washington residents alike descend on the Tidal Basin to see the spectacle.

The blooming period of the cherry blossoms varies each year depending on the weather. This year the blossoms bloomed early, with the Peak Bloom date set at the 25th of March. The National Cherry Blossom Festival lasted several weeks after.

Festivities began by the Washington Monument with a Kite Festival, a tradition that dates back nearly half a century. DC residents, tourists, and GW students alike spent an afternoon on the Mall flying kites. The series of events culminated on the 16th of April with a Parade across ten blocks of Constitution Avenue, ending only a few blocks from GW's campus. There were performances from both celebrities and local high school marching bands.

GW students, along with the entire city of Washington and the throngs of tourists who visited especially for the several week event, enjoyed the first weeks of April downtown, amongst the myriad of flowers. These were a welcome pause from classes and busy schedules. By the time the Cherry Blossoms had fallen away, students were ready to prepare for Final Exams, only a few weeks away.



The New Face of Erika Feinman GW Students



Introducing new SA President Erika Feinman

The 2016 Student Association elections on March 9th and 10th saw the appointment of Erika Feinman to the SA presidency. Erika is a junior in the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, double majoring in women's studies and political science. They are the first queer, gender non-binary student elected to SA president. Erika serves as a proud member and House Manager of Phi Sigma Sigma, and members of Feminist Student Union (FSU), Allied in Pride, and Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA). They also try to attend as many events on campus as possible from many different student organizations, such as performances by the Generic Theater Company, and Shabbat dinners and other events with GW Hillel. Feinman also served as a CCAS-U Senator for the Student Association before running for president of the organization.

What makes Erika an exceptional choice for SA President is not just the extent of their campus involvement, but in their history of contributions to and representation of those who are often without a voice. Along with their involvement with Allied in Pride and SASA, Erika has been a member and leader in the Feminist Student Union for three years, holding numerous leadership positions, such as Freshman Representative, Programming Chair, and President. What they love most about the organization, Erika explains, is "our culture of continuous investment in supplying emotional labor to better not only the organization, but each other. [The older members] were continuously invested in my personal growth and provided me with ample opportunities to learn, to lead, to contribute, to share my opinions and experiences, and to be creative."

According to Erika, the organization leaves a lasting impact not only on its members, but on the DC community as well. All profits from their annual production of The Vagina Monologues is donated to a local organization that helps women in the DC area. The FSU has donated thousands of dollars to organizations such as HIPS and the DC Rape Crisis Center. With the FSU, Erika has also participated in rallies at the Supreme Court, protests, and other events in and around the DC area.

Erika's campaign ran on a platform that focused on improving affordability, academic opportunities, and amplifying student voices. Their stand on greater student representation resonated well with student voters. Despite a competitive race, Feinman won the election with 53.6 percent of the over 4000 votes cast.

The major goals of Erika's presidency include the implementation of student representation on the Board of Trustees, institution of a Freshman Forgiveness program, helping students to better utilize their healthcare and more easily access low-cost healthcare options, and improve and expand the Knowledge in Action Career Internship Fund.

With next year's objectives in mind, Erika is grateful, and says, "I feel very lucky to have a lot of incredible individuals who have been helping me achieve these and other goals."





The Fabric of GW Museum GW Life



The GW Museum opened in March 2015 as a part of the university's 20-year plan for expansion and renovation which began in 2007. It does not have permanent exhibitions, instead featuring various temporary exhibitions. It is a set of two different buildings: the Woodhull House and the modern Textile Museum.

The GW Museum features global and local art

The first exhibition this year showed the photographs of John Thomson, an Irish photographer who spent several decades in China in the late 19th century. The photographs were shown alongside Chinese textiles such as rugs, and intricately designed coats.

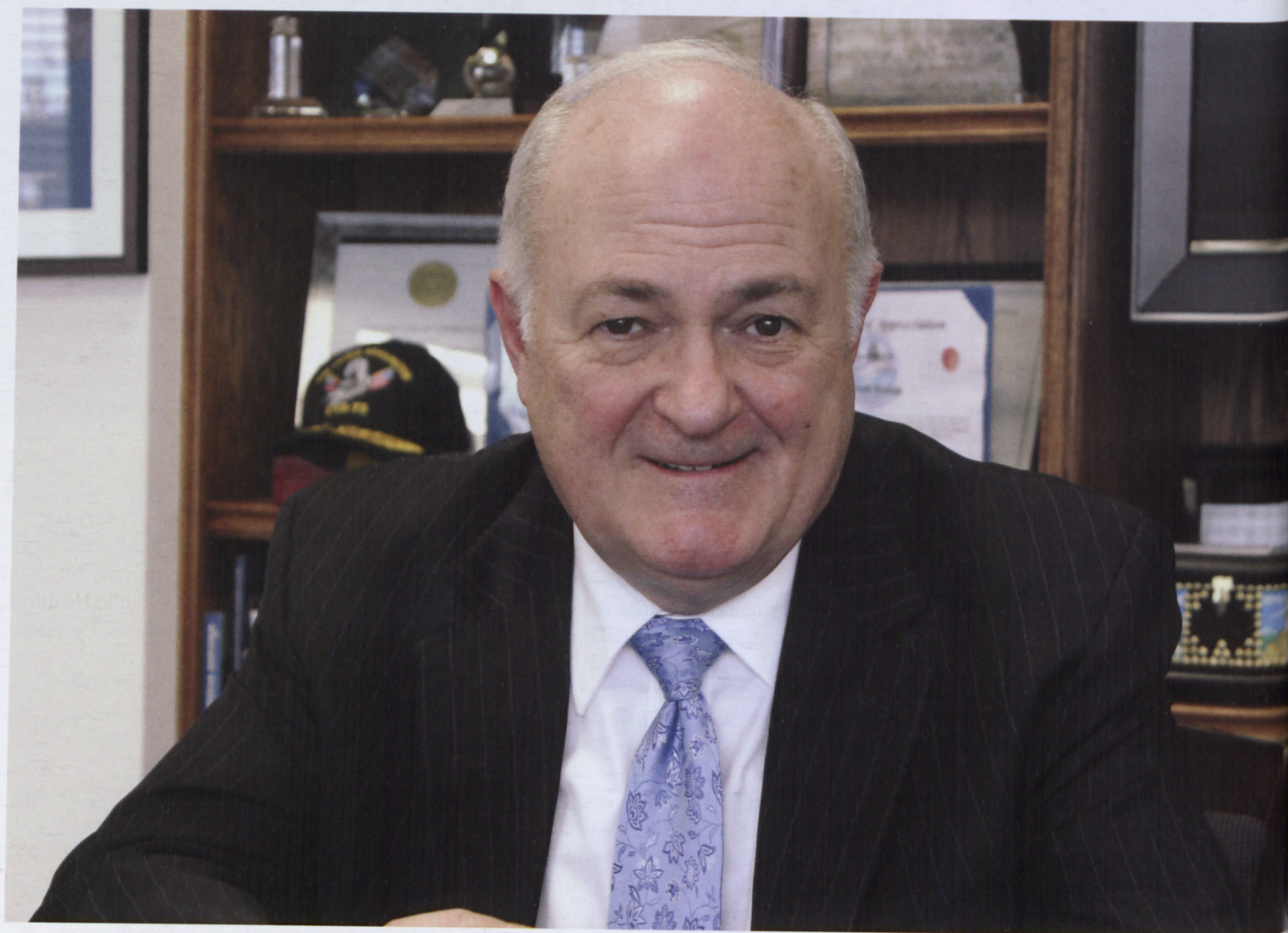
The second exhibition was in the restored Woodhull House. It displayed the paintings of Lily Spandorf, a DC artist who worked in the city during the mid to late 1900s. Several of the paintings were accompanied by photographs of what the areas looked like today.

The third exhibition of the year focused on Social Realism in Central Asia. There were multiple paintings which exemplified life during the 20th Century. It also featured some of the museum's collection of Central Asian textiles, including carpets, to jackets, to hats.

The Albert Small Washingtoniana Collection is a collection of items relating to the history of DC, including maps, paintings, and books. The collection is housed primarily in the Woodhull House.



Leading GW into President Knapp the Future





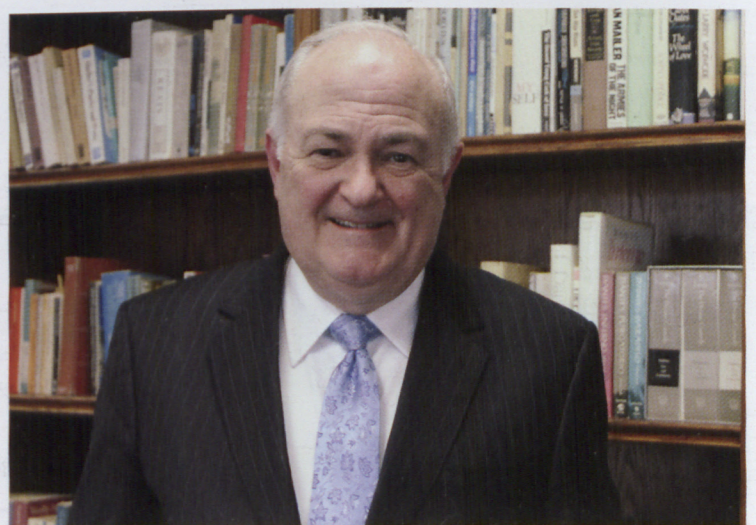
Ensuring the Success of GW from the Top Down

This year has been a very busy one for President Knapp. Last year was one of great gains for the university; The Corcoran School of Art and Design joined GW, and the opening of both the Science and Engineering Hall and the GW Museum. This year has been about maintaining these projects, and fostering them through their inaugural years.

President Knapp's job has been to ensure the best introduction for these programs. The Corcoran School has been one of the most important of the new additions to GW. In addition to creating a school of art, the university has been working to incorporate it into GW's own art departments. There has also been some debate regarding the Corcoran's vast collection of art, most of which will be given to the National Gallery of Art. President Knapp does, however, want to maintain a small collection to provide a teaching framework.

Life as President of GW is extraordinarily busy. When asked about his everyday routine, he admitted that his schedule is very hectic. In a single, turbulent day, he met with multiple university presidents, he introduced the German Foreign Minister, attended the installation of a new professor at the Milken School of Public Health - part of a several day conference about Public Health. This was followed by lunch where he spoke a bit about the importance of Public Health, then introduced the President of the Central African Republic before an event she had in the SMPA building, in which he discussed various GW programs focusing on the African continent. This was all before returning to the Milken conference for a dinner.

As the man in charge of GW, an extremely politically active school, President Knapp has an opportunity to shape policies. Thus, he wants to ensure that students have as many learning opportunities as possible. Several longstanding plans of Knapp's have been completed, and he now wants to focus on fostering those programs through their inaugural years.

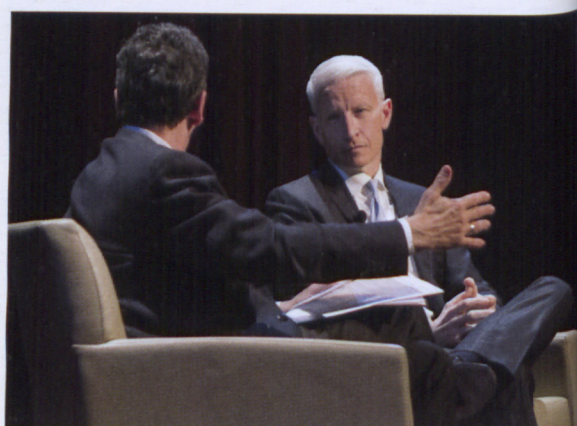
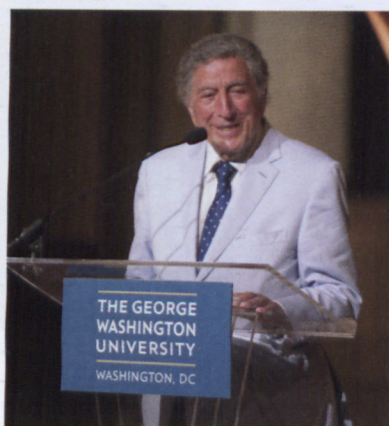
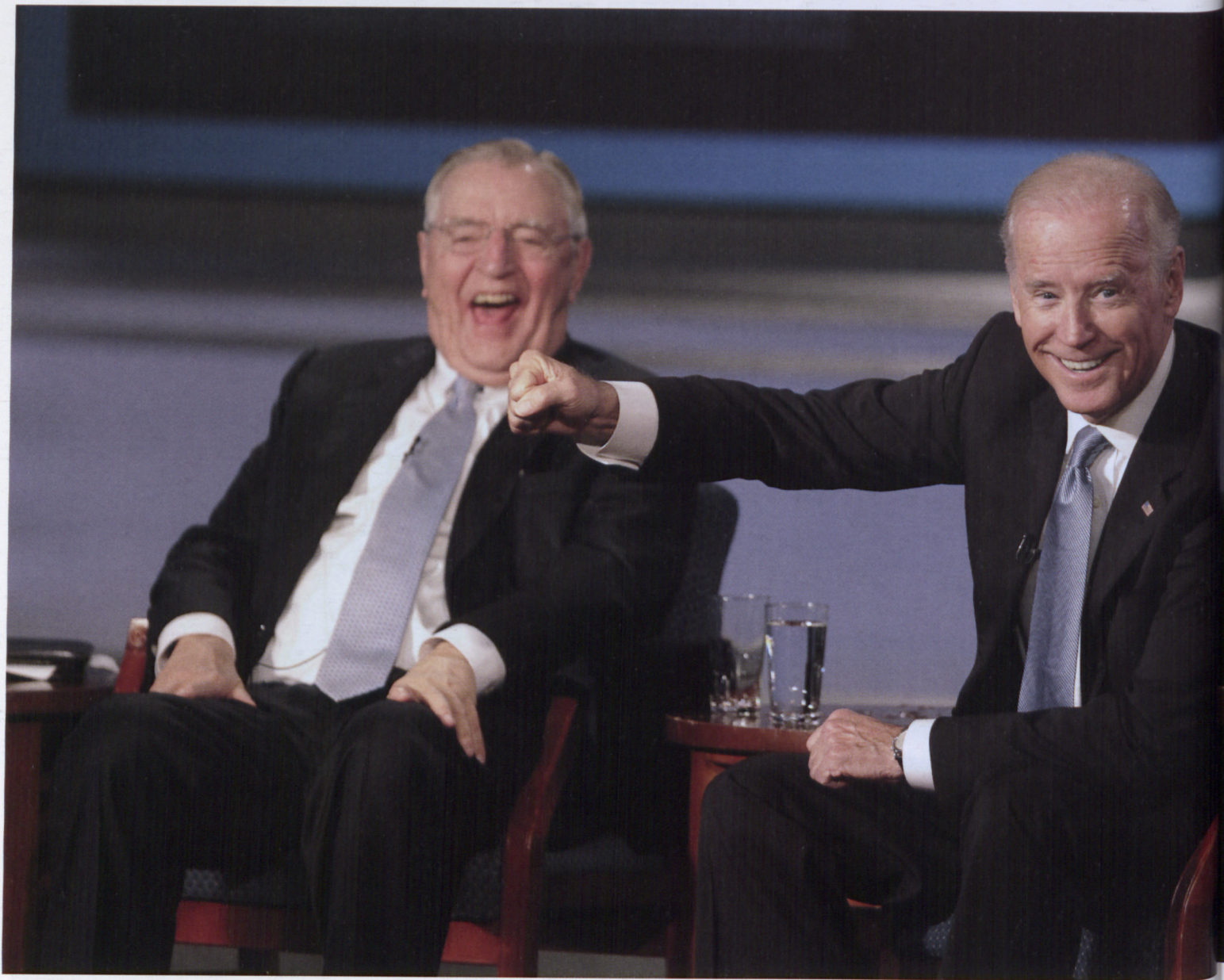




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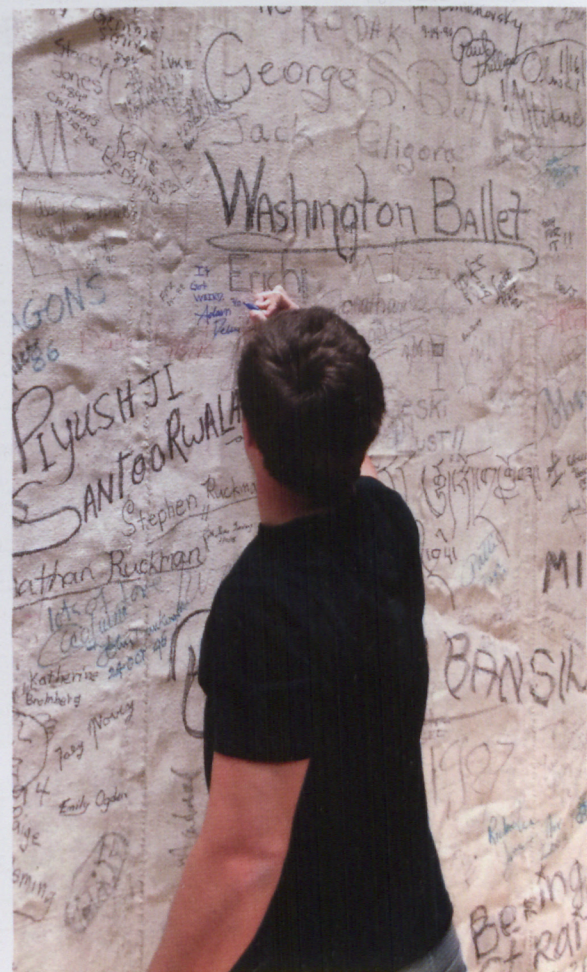
GW attracts high profile speakers on campus

On Saturday, February 13, Adam Devine Spoke at Lisner Auditorium. Adam Devine is a notable comedian who had starred in such television shows as Modern Family and Workaholics. His stand-up routine drew a huge crowd, and Lisner was almost completely sold out almost a full week before the day of the event. Students braved the frigid temperatures almost two hours before the event to save their place in line. While waiting for the theater to open, they were serenaded by one of GW's student a capella group, Sons of Pitch, in homage to Adam Devine's part in the a capella film Pitch Perfect.

Of course, Adam Devine has not been the only renowned speaker to visit campus. SMPA in particular has managed to get a great many speakers to discuss their perspectives with GW students. This year has included Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, who discussed women in politics, leading Congress during her years as Speaker of the House, and the influence of the media in government. Anderson Cooper spoke to GW in February, discussing his own personal stories of his work, covering war zones such as in Bosnia, and natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina.

Catherine Samba Panza, the Transitional President of the Central African Republic, also spoke at GW this year, addressing the role of women in public affairs in Africa. She specifically encouraged women to take a greater role in politics.

Devine, Cooper, and Samba Panza are only a few of the many speakers featured on campus this year. As in years prior, GW continues to utilize its advantageous location and its growing prestige to attract a multitude of diverse and inspiring speakers.





Campaigns hit 2016 Election **the trail**



With the 2016 Presidential election approaching, students of all political affiliations flocked to support their candidates, Republicans and Democrats alike.

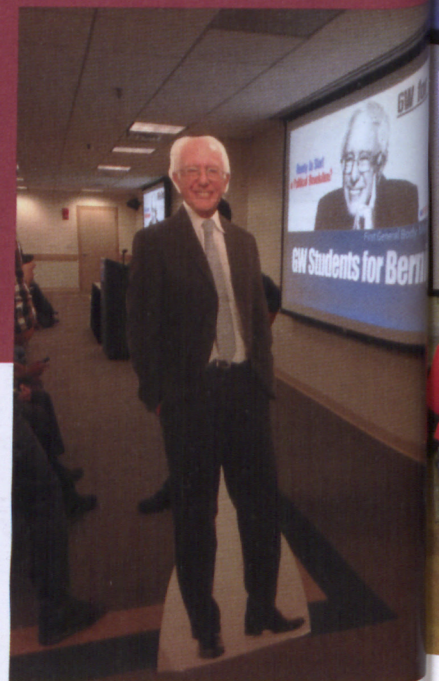
Republican and Democratic student groups rally for their candidates

One of the most important tasks for students in support of a certain political candidate is to raise awareness about their candidate's platform. Students spent time in the Marvin Center, campaigning and showing support. Many students spent hours tabling by the elevators or in front of J Street, talking to students about their favorite candidates and signing them up to receive more information and give their support.

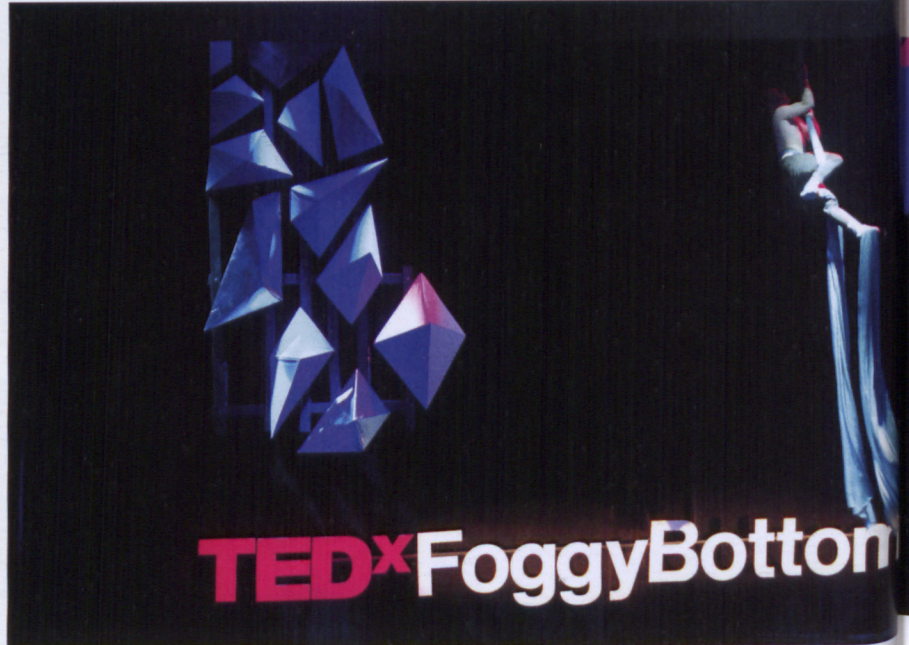
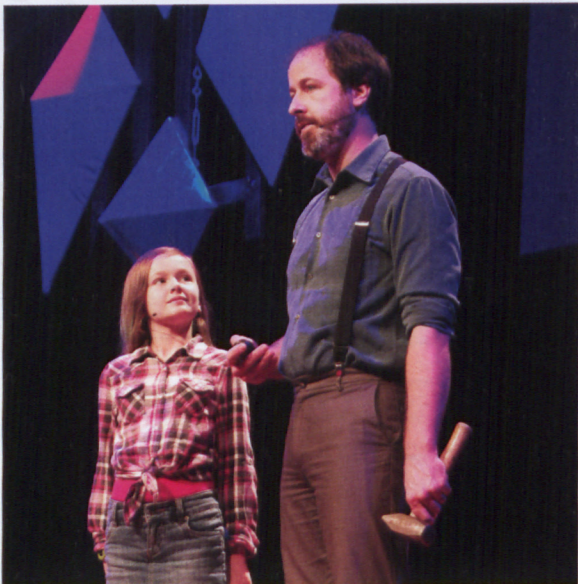
Politicians frequently visit Washington, and many have or currently work in the city, but fairly few visit GW's campus. That changed in November, when Senator and Presidential Candidate Rand Paul came to campus. This event was organized through the efforts of the Students for Rand Organization, led by Lukas Grund.

"Being in DC, as well as being an intern on the campaign, certainly helped ensure that the event would happen. But the campaign's student initiative 'Students for Rand' is what really made the event happen. We have a chapter on campus that has been supported by the national staff of Students for Rand all semester."

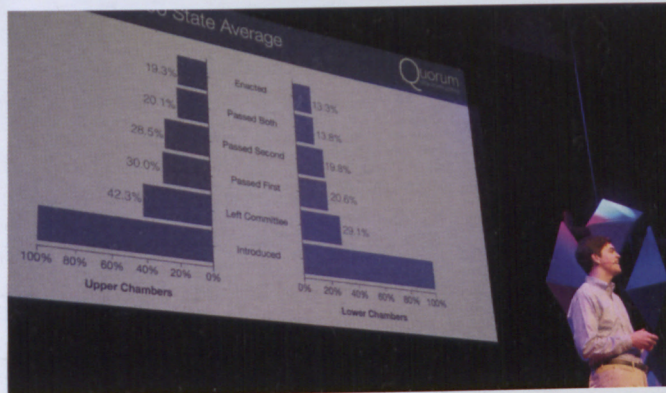
The outreach events organized by students were not restricted to the GW campus. Students in every group of this type organized phonebanks, events in which they called people from across the region, trying to advocate their candidates to the general public.







Scholars and TEDx FoggyBottom Storytellers

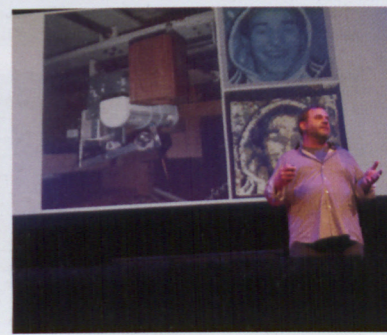


On the 23rd of April, students and residents of Washington alike poured into Lisner Auditorium for the annual TedxFoggyBottom, a Ted-talk filled event organized by GW students. TEDxFoggyBottom is the largest student run Ted event in the United States.

GW hosts its fifth annual TEDx event

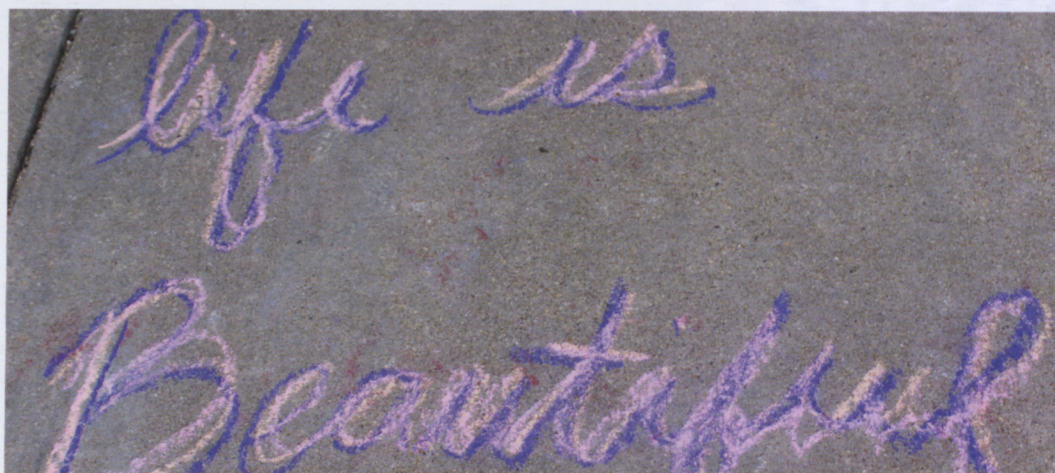
Students and professors from GW gave Ted talks about topics including photography and nuclear weapons. Local speakers included Cybersecurity experts, Storytellers, and a former Cataloguer for the Library of Congress. Some speakers came from even farther afield, such as Ivan and Torrae Owen, a "father/daughter duo with a shared interest in art, design and music. The two of them together have worked on developing affordable prosthetics, using the latest innovations in 3-D printing. The speakers were introduced by Sadiqua Iman, an experienced public speaker and an interdisciplinary artist. Standing on the side of the stage was Brian Tarallo, who drew images relevant to the TED talks as they were being presented. Also sketching during the TED talks was Erin Nicole Gordon, who tweeted her sketches during the event.

However, the talks themselves were not the only part of the event. Attendees who wished to continue learning about TED in the breaks between talks could cross the street to the Marvin Center where, on the third floor, several interesting exhibitions were held. Films were shown, 3-D Printing was demonstrated, robot painters created paintings of George Washington, and people were able to have fun and talk directly to the speakers, instead of only hearing their monologue. With great variety of speeches on many fascinating topics, the event was a successful effort in education.



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Art therapy for Chalk-In Finals



Students relieve stress before final exams by drawing

On Wednesday the 27th of April, one of the last days of the Spring Semester, students took a break from studying in preparation for finals to go to H Street for the 36th annual Chalk-in. The street was closed off from traffic and the food trucks driven away. Instead, students were given chalk and free rein across the street and sidewalk, with exception of the still under construction sidewalk of the District House, which neared completion as students chalked.

For several hours, from noon to 2pm, students were able to draw whatever they wanted on the street. Many drew their own abstract designs, some wrote encouraging messages for students passing by on their way to J Street or to Gelman. In typical GW style, many students wrote political messages, supporting their favorite presidential candidates and causes. The Chalk-in served as an opportunity for students to relax, and to express themselves artistically.

By 3pm, the event had concluded. The road was reopened, though some students continued to doodle on the sidewalks by Kogan, and much of the student body was back in Gelman or other study spaces readying for the coming week of exams. However, students had been given an opportunity to relax, to take a break from studying and to spend a few hours drawing on the asphalt of H street.



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Recognizing Student Achievement

Nana Agyemang



Active SMPA student awarded coveted ticket to White House Correspondents' Dinner

Nana Agyemang, the winner of the University's Second Annual White House Correspondents' Association Scholarship, attended the event on April 30th. There she met and talked with President Obama. This was not, however, Nana's first opportunity to see the president. She had interned with CBS, and had seen him while working there, but had never been able to speak with the president before. This, among many factors, was what led Nana to name the dinner as one of the best events of her life.

One of the most active students at the School of Media and Public Affairs, Nana leads the staff of the ACE Magazine, the university's multicultural magazine, as their editor-in-chief. A quarterly publication, the magazine centers each issue around a central theme. Former issues include The Freshman Guidebook, the Latino Heritage Celebration, the Black History Month Issue, and the Senior Send-off. In addition to this position she is also a founding member of the National Association of Black Journalists, an organization begun in 2014. They had set up a mentor program with DC schools aimed towards getting local African American students interested in Media and Journalism. This year, they held an event titled Straight out of Journalism, in which journalists from the Washington Post, Twitter, and several other groups spoke about journalism. She is a prominent advocate of diversity at the SMPA. GW only is composed of only 5.4% African American students, and Nana strives to make sure that they are heard by the school.

Nana was more than happy to share her experience at the White House Correspondents' Dinner with the rest of the school, taking over the schools' Snapchat over the course of the dinner and sharing pictures of political figures, presidential candidates, popular journalists, and musicians. One of the foremost SMPA students and a tireless advocate for the African American Community, Nana's experience at the dinner, and the scholarship that comes with the award, was highly deserved.

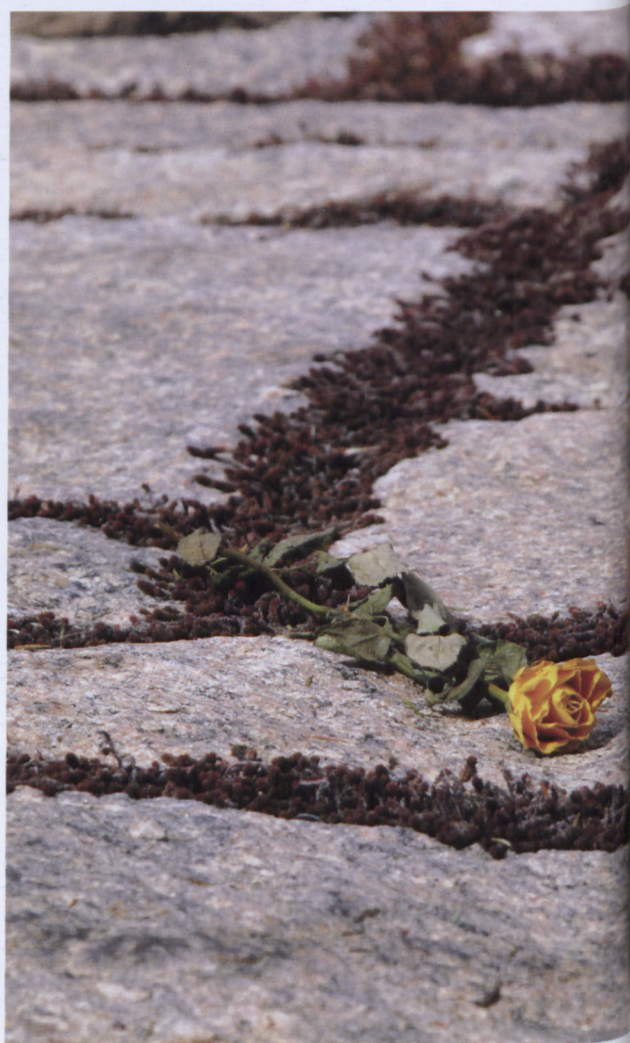
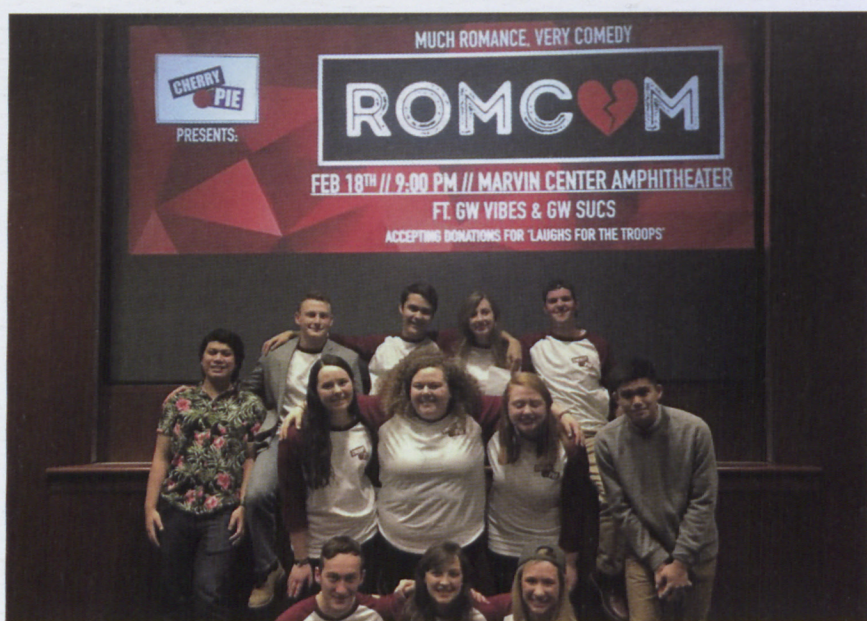


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Welcome to the New Organizations Club



New organizations make their mark on campus

She's the First

She's the First {GW} is a chapter of the national organization of She's the First, an organization with chapters in high schools and colleges throughout the country. As a new student organization this year at GW, STF is so excited to bring their mission of fundraising and supporting girls' education in developing countries to the GW community. By improving education equality around the world, members of STF give girls the power to contribute economically to their local communities, increase their ability to care for themselves and their families, and decrease their chances of becoming a victim of sexual violence.

Partners in Health Engage

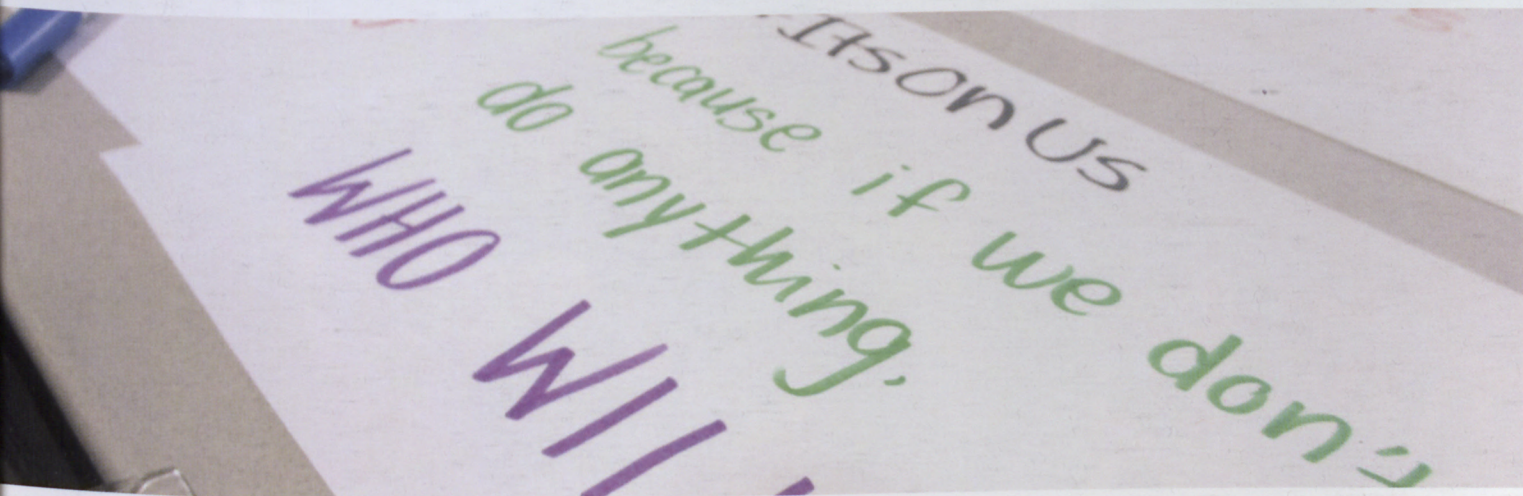
Partners in Health Engage is a brand new student organization on GW's campus this year. PIH Engage's mission is to organize health campaigns focused on promoting the advancement of the right to health. Following the pillars of organizing, educating, generating, and advocating, PIH Engage works to demand the right to health for all people not only in the United States but all over the world. PIH meets for General Body Meetings, where they discuss current health issues and fundraising efforts to support the mission of their student organization.

Cherry Pie

Founded in February 2015, the creation of Cherry Pie Comedy Writing was inspired by Saturday Night Live's 40th Anniversary Special. This comedy group aims to bring laughter and comic relief to GW's serious campus by writing, producing, and acting in original SNL-style comedy sketches and satire. Cherry Pie's members meet weekly to brainstorm and review scripts, as well as taking time once a month to film members' sketches. In Spring 2016, Cherry Pie hosted their first event – RomCom. Falling right around Valentine's Day, the members presented four sketches that poked fun at love, allowing audience members to celebrate, commiserate, and laugh about the holiday. The GW Stand-Up Comedy Society and the GW Vibes also joined Cherry Pie for this event.



Speak Your Advocacy Voice



Student advocates rally for their causes

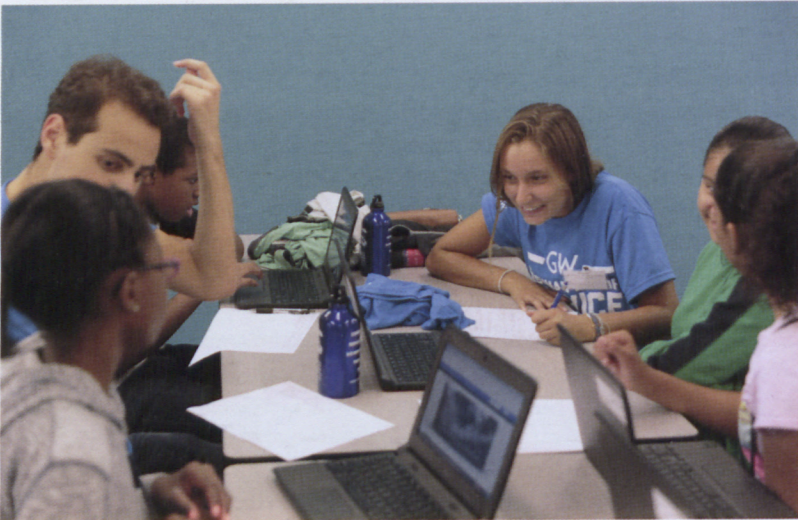
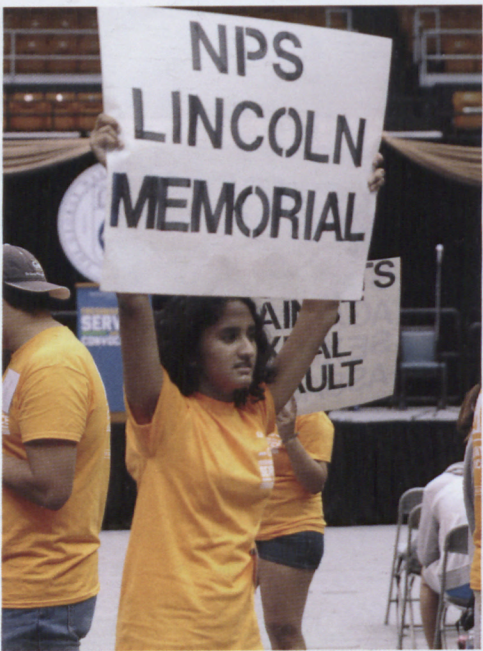
Students Against Sexual Assault

Students Against Sexual Assault is a peer-led organization that functions with the purpose to educate and provide supportive services to the George Washington University community related to sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, sexual harassment, and stalking. SASA strives to eliminate the sexual violence culture on campus by advocating for policy changes, educating the community, and creating safe spaces on campus for those who have been affected by sexual violence. This year, SASA helped design and support the facilitation of GW's incoming student sexual assault prevention and response session as well as lobbying the administration to rescind Bill Cosby's honorary degree. Morgan Kashinsky, a SASA member, praises, "SASA is exactly what I was hoping to find at GW. As a survivor of Domestic Violence, I'm lucky to be a part of a group that supports my recovery while also allowing me to spread prevention awareness and support other survivors. SASA members are among the students who are most dedicated to making a difference, as well as some of the most caring people I've gotten to meet."

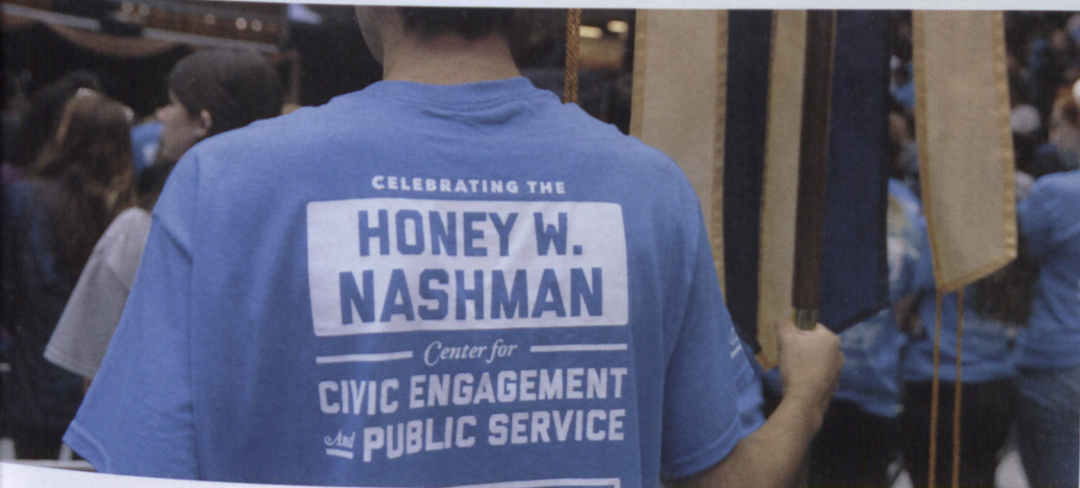
Allied in Pride

Allied in Pride, GW's largest LGBTQ organization on campus, advocates to create a comfortable environment for GW's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer student population. Through social events and service, Allied in Pride promotes pro-LGBTQ policies at the university level and raises awareness of queer issues on campus and in the greater DMV community. Throughout this school year, Allied in Pride hosted several events such as their BBQueer to start off the semester. Additionally, they partnered with the Multicultural Student Services Center and the GW Association of Black Journalists for a documentary screening on Bayard Rustin during Black History month, as well as partnering with the SMPA to host "A Conversation with Anderson Cooper." Allied in Pride also hosted a panel on allyship with the Organization of Latino American Students and raised over \$1,200 in conjunction with Greek Life for Casa Ruby, a local LGBTQ homeless shelter. At the end of this year, Allied in Pride was awarded the Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion award from the Center for Student Engagement and the Multicultural Student Services Center.





Celebrating Service Days Service



Students demonstrate passion for giving back

Freshman Day of Service

GW's Freshman Day of Service and Convocation is a unique annual occurrence for Colonials. Freshmen students were able to participate in service projects around D.C. as part of the 7th annual Day of Service on September 12th, 2015. The event started as a challenge in 2009 by Michelle Obama to complete 100,000 community service hours, and this year over 2,000 students, staff, and faculty participated. The day began in the Charles E. Smith Center with a freshman convocation welcoming GW's newest Colonials into the community. From there, students were separated into groups and brought to service sites in the D.C. area. Participants painted the Patrick Henry Shelter for homeless families, built and decorated cardboard homes at Little Friends for Peace, cleaned Noyes Park, and much more. This year's day of service also celebrated the renaming of GW's Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service to honor Honey W. Nashman, a former GW professor who made a generous donation to the center. The day was an incredible success despite the rainy weather, and students, faculty, and staff alike enjoyed serving their community.



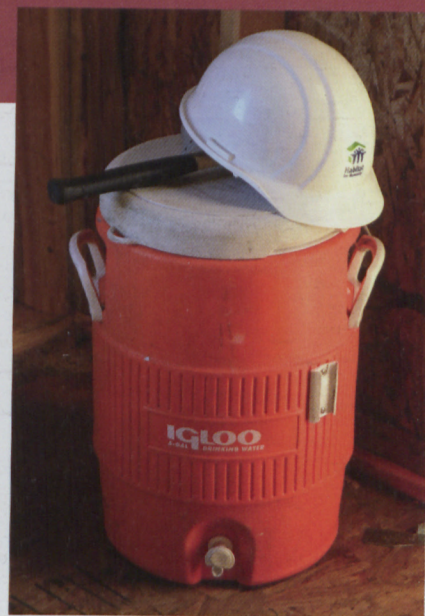
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

On January 18th, 2016 many students across the country celebrated a day off from school as part of a holiday celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At GW, this day was celebrated as a day of service. It opened with a keynote address by Stacey Stewart, president of United Way USA. Hundreds of students participated in service events across D.C., ranging from painting lockers at D.C. public schools to putting together health and wellness kits for homeless youths. Some participants were able to serve with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch and GW's President Steven Knapp. The GW Women's Rowing Team said, "This was an enriching experience for us and we look forward to serving again in the future."



Travel to Serve, Live

Alternative Breaks to Serve



Students served communities in need over breaks

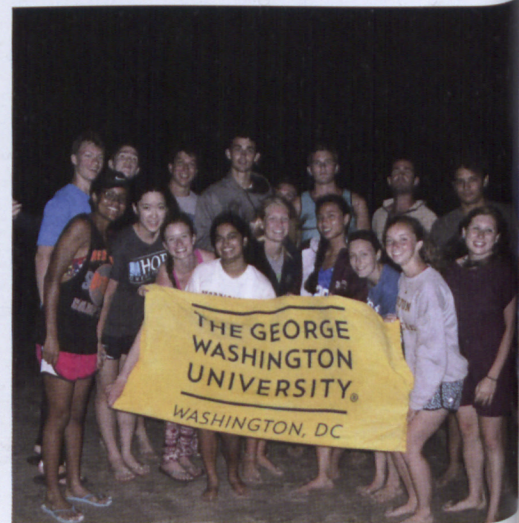
GW Alternative Breaks offers both winter and spring break service learning trips each year. This year, students traveled to Florida, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Nicaragua, Atlanta, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and many more. Students participated in any number of service activities, ranging from building schools to teaching English language classes. This winter's trip to New Orleans marked the 9th journey to the Louisiana city. The trip was started in response to Hurricane Katrina, and continued to build homes for the community.

Victoria Gosalvez, a sophomore at GW, traveled to Nicaragua and worked with Waves of Hope during a trip focused on community empowerment. "I learned about the importance of community engagement in doing service. The community wanted us there and worked together with us, which is what made our contribution truly worthwhile as opposed to other places I have served," said Gosalvez.

Thousands of GW students participated in Alternative Breaks this year and truly demonstrated GW's passion for service. Students traveled, lived, and served together for a week in various locations across the U.S. and abroad.

The program allowed students not only to serve deserving communities, but also to bond with fellow students passionate about service. Students were able to relax after days of service by swimming at nearby beaches, traveling to local restaurants, and exploring exciting landmarks. Alternative Breaks participants were incredibly dedicated, hardworking, and giving over their breaks, highlighting the best qualities of the GW community.





Exploring the GW Bound Community



Freshmen bonded with their class through early move-in programs

DC Bound

DC Bound is a program in which GW upperclassmen lead groups of incoming freshmen on trips around DC. Participants were able to experience exciting DC landmarks, museums, and restaurants throughout the three-day program. Students were also able to create friendships with their classmates before classes even began. DC Bound guide Annie Rishty enjoyed being a part of this incredibly beneficial program. "I loved being a DC Bound Guide because not only did I see these awesome friendships build before my eyes, but I found it extremely rewarding to have these students look up to me as a mentor and guide for the rest of their college careers." Guides and participants alike noted the importance of these connections and their ability to make the large GW community feel just a little smaller. Participants also enjoyed exploring the city, which allowed them to kayak on the Potomac, tour the Spy Museum, and walk around the National Mall.

Adventure Bound

GW TRAiLS also runs an early move-in program known as Adventure Bound. This year, students were able to choose between backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, whitewater rafting, beach camping, and a trip including rock climbing and horseback riding, among other activities. Freshman students were able to not only bond with each other and their upperclassmen guides, but also enjoy the outdoors. Hannah Hassani, an Adventure Bound guide, said, "The exciting time period between move-in and the start of classes provides TRAiLS such an incredible opportunity to welcome these new students and to help with their transition." Students were able to have amazing adventures while also getting a head start on making connections with their classmates.

Community Building Community

Community Building Community, also known as CBC, is a community service oriented early move-in program. This year, participants were placed into groups of 8-10 fellow freshmen along with an upperclassman guide. Students then completed a wide variety of service events around DC over the course of two and half days. Events included preparing food, cleaning parks, and working with DC schools. Other activities consisted of small group bonding, panel discussions, and trips to the National Mall. CBC allowed incoming freshmen to bond with peers who are just as passionate about service. The program also introduced participants to the large number of service organizations and opportunities at GW. Many of the upperclassmen guides for the program were participants in past years, showing the lasting impact the program has on everyone involved.



A Life of Honors

Margeurite Wedeman





GW Senior selected for Schwarzman Scholars Fellowship in Beijing, China

Maggie Wedeman, a GW Senior double majoring in International Affairs and Chinese Language and Literature, was selected for the Schwarzman Scholars Fellowship program. The program is a new, one-year master's program that allows dedicated students to study in Beijing, China. Out of 3,000 applicants worldwide, only 111 students were selected.

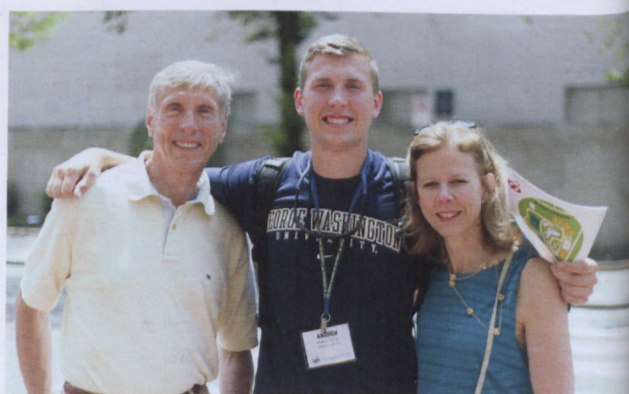
"I know I want to pursue post-graduate studies and perhaps even a Ph.D. someday, but I also wanted to use the year after graduation to do something different, to take a break from traditional day-to-day school, and grow as an individual, while still engaging in China-studies," Wedeman said of her motivation to apply to the selective program. She had always been interested in China and Chinese studies, having lived in Taiwan in second grade and spent an immense amount of time in China during middle school and college.

Throughout her time at GW, Maggie participated in Alternative Breaks, studied abroad, and worked for the Obama campaign. In the 2016 school year, she worked as a Residential Advisor in Amsterdam Hall and served as president of the Honors Peer Advising group in the University Honors Program.

When asked what advice she would give younger GW students, she responded: "My advice to younger students at GW is find something you are passionate about and pursue it with full vigor and intention." She learned that enjoying her studies and work in a particular area makes her a more marketable job candidate, and also a happier person. Her message to the GW community is to take advantage of the amazing opportunities at GW, from unique professors to incredible internships. She truly embraced the "Only at GW" mentality and made the most of her time at GW.

To complete her GW experience, Maggie was chosen to introduce Senator Cory Booker, this year's speaker at commencement.





2015 Colonial Cabinet: Marlee Grant, Tyler Winther, Alexia Ipiotis, Quinn Divens, Lauren Hoffman, Will Low, Jeena Moss, Amber Herrie, Ariel Amaru, Avonda Fogan, Brian Wasik, Brydie O'Connor, Claire August, Deepa Shivaram, Dylan Williams, Eli Rudy, Eric Marter, Eric Schaefer, Evan Bursey, Halley Rogers, Jackson Gode, Jency Boyce, Jessica Goldenring, Jordi Shapiro, Josh Cohen, Keslie Easton, Lindsay Goodman, Mariama Tejan, Phillip McRae, Stacy Oentoro, Steve Hamburgo, Tom Magnan, Zack Udin.



Training Future Colonial Inauguration Colonials



The Class of 2019 was welcomed home at CI

GW offers incoming freshman a fun and educational two and a half day orientation program. The 2015 Colonial Cabinet, GW's orientation leaders, welcomed the class of 2019. Freshmen, their parents and siblings were kept busy for the full two and a half days with entertaining skits, organization fairs, and games.

Colonial Inauguration strives to cover a wide range of college issues and activities. This year a new and incredibly important training session was added: sexual assault prevention training. CI headquarters and GW administration worked with GW's Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA) to ensure the success of the brand new program. Students attended sessions informing them about resources and policies for sexual assault, and also completed online training modules.

Grace Schaub, a freshman, noticed the emphasis on this new training. "They definitely reiterated the importance of understanding sexual assault all throughout our introduction to the college experience," Schaub noted.

This year also marked the first year in which students were able to register for their fall classes on campus. Registering at CI, rather than at home, allowed the students to have a more guided start to their GW educational career, with the help of academic advisors.

In addition to important tips and training, students were able to meet and mingle with other incoming freshman and learn about a variety of student organizations on campus. CI participants lived in freshmen residence halls during their time at orientation, giving them a first look at freshman year months in advance. GW's unique take on orientation allowed the class of 2019 to learn about and understand what it really means to be a Colonial.





Program Board

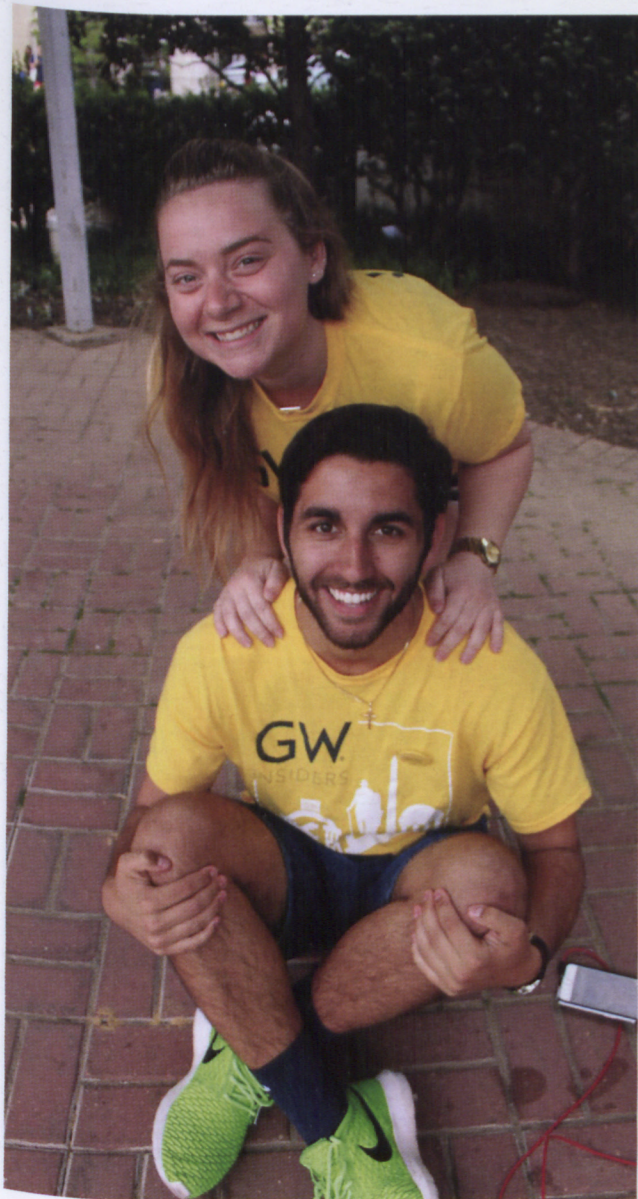
GW's Program Board is credited with bringing entertainment to the GW campus. This year, the Program Board did not disappoint. In the fall, the annual Fall Fest concert hosted electropop singer MØ as the headliner. They also presented the Women in Politics panel, moderated by Lois Romano, the Editor of Washington Post Live, that consisted of women such as Katie Walsh, Jessica O'Connell, and Sarah Rogers. During the fall semester, Program Board hosted a Movie on the Yard in U-Yard, as well as a stuffed animal-making event during fall finals. Besides the annual Spring Fling, Program Board welcomed comedian and actor Adam Devine to Lisner Auditorium this spring – a hilarious event that greatly entertained the students of GW.

Residence Hall Association

GW Residence Hall Association consists of representatives from each on-campus residence hall who strive to bring community to their living spaces. Each residence hall elects a President, Vice President, Director of Programming, Treasurer, and Director of Communications to host events for the students of their hall. Many events consist of complimentary dinners, desserts, and socials to promote unity and friendship within the living spaces. The RHA representatives of 2109 F Street hosted an exam relief event in the fall, as well as Valentine's Day weekend events with desserts and messages about love.



Leaders of the Leadership Pack



Students take on roles as leaders of the GW community

Student Association

The Student Association, GW's main governing and advocacy group for the campus, is composed of a group of enthusiastic Colonials with the drive to contribute greatness to the university. President Andie Dowd leads the SA in the Executive branch for the 2015-2016 academic year. This branch focuses on student life and the interests of the campus. Each college within the university is represented by the Senate branch – a branch striving to advocate for current issues and provide funding to GW's many student organizations. The Judicial branch works within the SA and other student organizations to best ensure success. This academic year, the SA has worked to improve campus-wide safety. They especially advocated for increased access to resources regarding physical and mental health.

Student Admissions Representatives

GW STARS (Student Admissions Representatives) are the first faces of GW to any potential student or incoming freshman. The STARS offer three tour options Monday through Saturday: a morning tour on Foggy Bottom and afternoon tours on both the Foggy Bottom and the Mount Vernon campuses. STARS strive to share their "Only at GW" experiences with potential students through daily tours, overnight visits, and the Inside GW days in April for admitted students. As the faces of GW, STARS authentically represent and promote life as a Colonial.

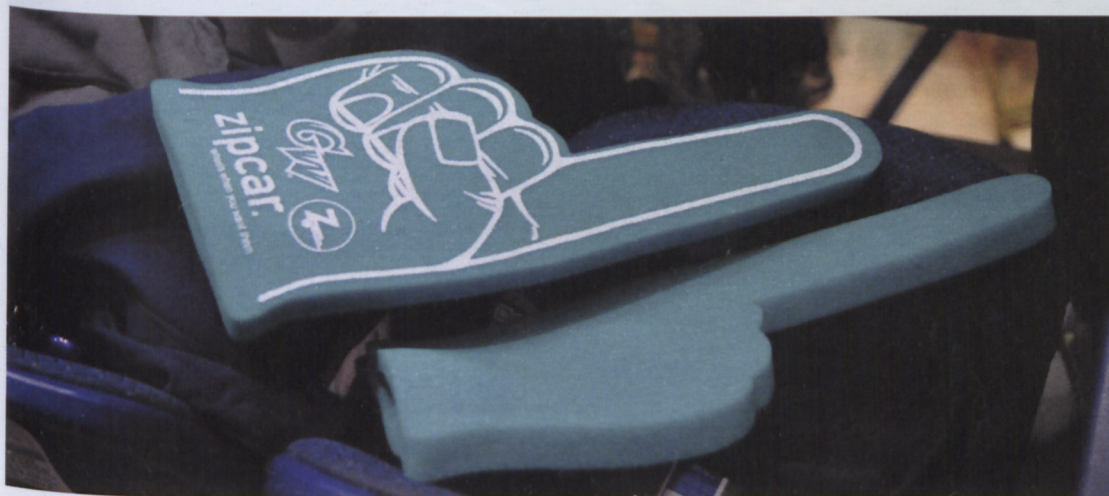
Class Council

The GW Class Council has the mission to advocate for the student body of GW, promote school spirit, and bring about class unity through programming. Class Council consists of four class committees – a committee for freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors – as well as committees that cater to the interests of international affairs, community service, and transfer/exchange students. Thanks to the Class Council, GW now hosts events such as Battle of the A Cappella and GW Lights. Dedicated to promoting community, advocacy, and leadership, the Class Council welcomes student insight to better the campus and student experience.



A Monumental

Colonial Army Fan Base



GW student fans showed record-breaking support

The Colonial Army is the official student fan section for GW's sports teams. Students attend both home and away games, demonstrating Colonial pride at every event. In Fall 2015, the Colonial Army broke records for fan attendance at men's and women's soccer games as well as women's volleyball games.

President of the Colonial Army, Kate Bell, attributes the outstanding attendance to the organizations commitment to inclusivity and community. "We want to remind students that whether or not there's a game coming up, we're a community outside of the Smith Center and away from the Vern fields, too," Bell noted.

Throughout the games this year, the Colonial Army maintained high energy and spirit. Students proudly wore buff and blue apparel, and yelled cheers in support of student athletes. One of the most exciting games in the 2015-2016 season was the men's basketball game in which GW beat UVA, ranked #6 in the nation at the time. The men's basketball team achieved national ranking in AP polls for the first time in ten years.

"When I see GW become a real threat in the A10, it's cool because I know we're building a legacy that fans want to be a part of," said Bell.

The Colonial Army then followed the men's basketball team to Madison Square Garden in New York City to cheer on the team as they won the semifinal and final game in the National Invitation Tournament. As GW's athletics continued to improve this year, one thing remained constant: the dedication and support of the Colonial Army.





2015-2016 Club Sports Teams

Co-Ed
 Badminton
 Boxing
 Cricket
 Cross Country
 Cycling
 Equestrian
 Fencing
 Field Hockey
 Golf
 JKA Karate
 Kendo
 Polo
 Swimming
 Table Tennis
 Taekwondo
 Tennis
 Triathlon
 Water Polo

Men's
 Baseball
 Basketball
 Ice Hockey
 Lacrosse
 Rugby
 Soccer
 Ultimate Frisbee
 Volleyball

Women's
 Basketball
 Lacrosse
 Rugby
 Soccer
 Softball
 Ultimate Frisbee
 Volleyball

For the Love of Club Sports **the Game**



Club sports give students outlets for activity

Club Sports offer the opportunity for students to represent the Colonials at the recreational and competitive levels. They act as alternative ways to get involved on campus through sports with a lower level of competition than what would typically be found in the Division I teams. In addition to the Division I and club sports teams, GW also offers intramural sports for students who wish to play a sport purely for fun.

George Washington University is home to eight men's club teams, seven women's teams, and eighteen co-ed teams. These teams allow students to play a sport they know and love, increase their skill levels, and provide a chance to compete against other universities. Each club team is its own student organization within GW, made up of teammates who serve as officers in leadership positions and club members on each team. This allows for a further increasing of skill levels in the leadership realm.

Furthermore, the Clubs Sports Council is made up of representatives from several of the clubs. These members act as the leadership council to the entire club sport community. This council is the voice of the club sports community.

GW's club sports teams practice in many different venues. The Mount Vernon Campus offers its vast resources of outdoor playing fields for many of the club teams, but others practice and compete off campus. For example, the Men's Ice Hockey team skates at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington, Virginia, while the Co-Ed Equestrian team rides at Corgi Glen Farm in Poolesville, Maryland. Also, one can find a GW club sports team member practicing on the best venue in Washington, D.C. – the National Mall.



GW TRAILS Guides 2015-2016: Matt Orr, Kat Strasle, Rachel Wolf, Aaron Gold, Anna McGarrigle, Audrey White, Caitlin Wuebbolt, Lauren Mitchell, Kate Lips, Jen Young, Charlotte Dreizen, Adam Lazarus, Victoria Chevee, Anthony Stasulli, Stevie O'Neill, Chris Paccioretti, Dara Baker, Ben Ureles, Anna Wadhwani, Eilish Zembilci, Hannah Hassani, Malone Gabor, Michael Semel, Shelby Frederickson, Rosa Mas Volpe, Alex Rubenstein, Drew Givens, Addie Morgan, Victoria Kilsch, Dakota Morrow, Sabrina Kelly, Will Berkery, Sam Eppler, Turi Abbott, Ethan Young, Reaiah Moses, Mary Lindgren, Gabe Murphy, Robert Wright, Cassie Gharnit, Dyson Waite-Himmelwright, Brian Seuch, and Sam Brunetta.

Adventure is TRAILS Out There



Students explore the outdoors with GW TRAILS

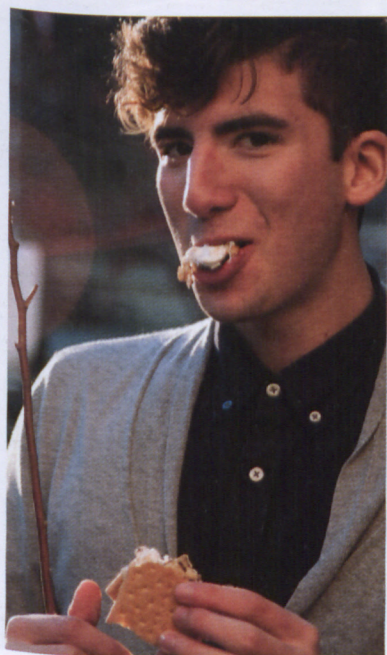
GW TRAILS, which stands for Teaching Recreation and Adventure incorporating Leadership and Service, has hosted a wide range of outdoor events throughout the school year. This year was incredibly successful with almost 1,000 participants in the fall semester alone. GW students enjoyed everything from apple picking to rock climbing throughout the year. The program also offered an Adventure Break trip to Costa Rica over winter break and hiking trips on the Appalachian Trail and the Grand Canyon over spring break.

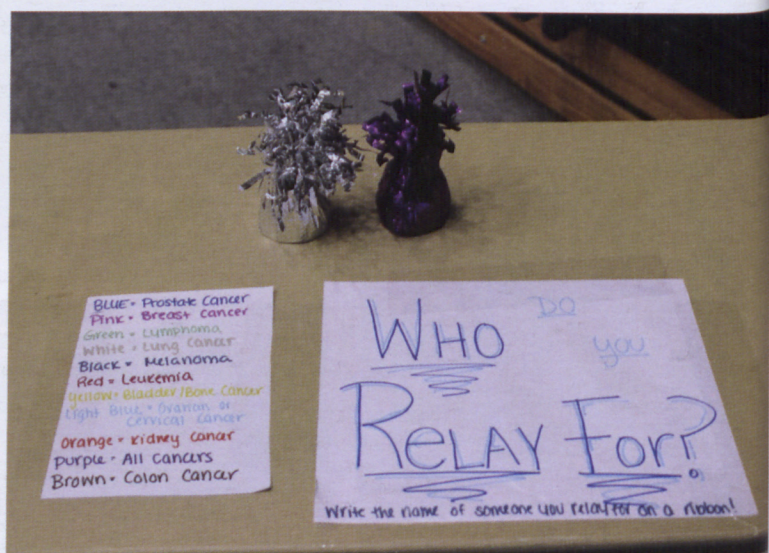
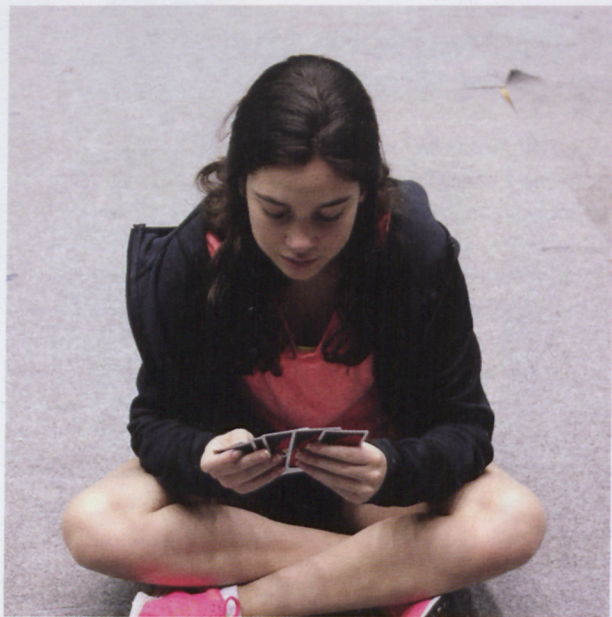
Trips were led by GW students who are passionate about the outdoors.

"TRAILS is a group of the most incredible people I've been lucky enough to meet at GW," said Shelby Fredrickson, President of TRAILS. "We are dedicated to sharing our love of the outdoors and travel to get students out of D.C. and into the world."

Trip guides dedicated their time to planning and executing successful events week after week. Guides also participated in service projects around DC throughout the year, highlighting the 'S' in the program's name.

Some trips offered this year included indoor trampolining, botanical garden tours, Billy Goat and Harpers Ferry day hikes, and much more. Students traded libraries and dorm rooms for mountains and waterfalls in a creative way to relieve stress and experience the world. GW TRAILS provided fun and adventure to all GW students and allowed them to enjoy the outdoors in a whole new way.





Walking for Relay for Life **Change**



2016 marked a momentous year for GW's Relay for Life

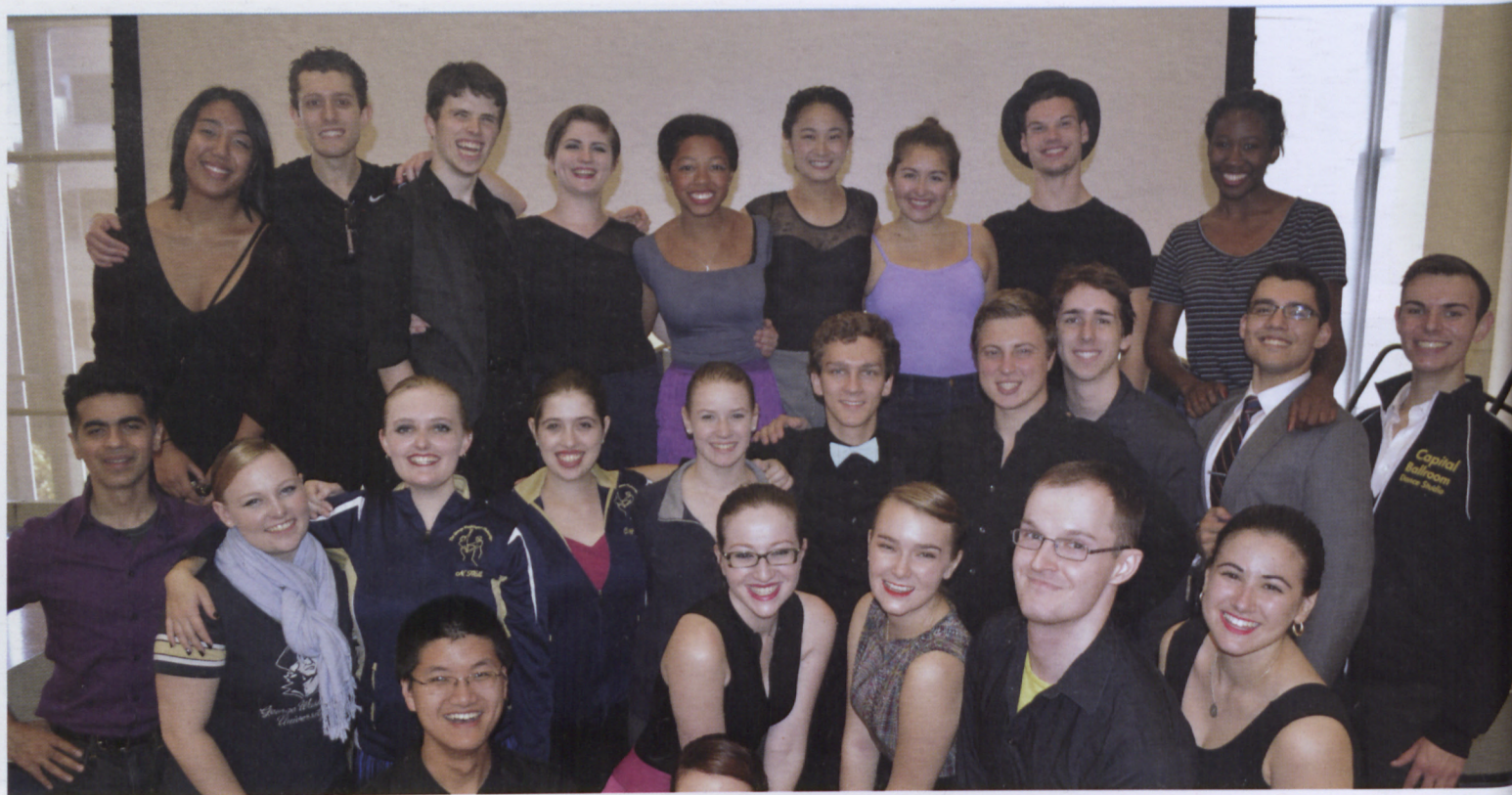
At GW, Relay For Life is one of the most attended events. It is also the largest fundraising event for the American Cancer Society held on the GW campus.

This year marked the seventh year that GW hosted Relay For Life. However, this was a special year for Relay, because it became its own organization at GW. From the start of this school year, the GW Relay for Life organization worked to fundraise for and plan for the big event which took place in April 2016.

In the fall, some of the members from Relay for Life's Event Leadership Team traveled to Baltimore to make a meal for cancer patients staying at the Baltimore Hope Lodge. It was during this visit that the team set the tone for the year. The members were able to connect with the individuals they were serving and understand more fully who they were providing for.

Following this service event, Relay For Life aimed to foster a community to ensure that every member of the GW community – students, faculty, or staff – had the opportunity to participate in the main event. This approach, as well as partnerships with other GW organizations, helped make Relay For Life 2016 one of the most attended on-campus events. Over 600 people registered as participants for the 2016 event. Participants were allowed to come and go throughout the event, walking laps to raise money for and honor cancer patients and survivors, as well as those who have died from cancer.

As a result of their efforts, the GW Relay for Life organization event raised over \$35,000 to fight cancer. These funds will be donated to the American Cancer Society to help provide for cancer patients and funding in the District-Maryland-Virginia region.



Bhangra

GW Bhangra performed many shows around the GW campus this year. In the fall, they joined the Student Showcase, sharing their talents with the GW community. They also joined the Colonial Invasion performances during Colonials Weekend and performed at GW Raas's Raas Chaos. GW Bhangra participated in the Indian Student Association's Diwali Show, as well as hosting their own Bhangra Night – a fundraiser filled with performances, dinner, and dancing for the GW community.

GW Ballroom

GW Ballroom, a ballroom dance team made up of both undergraduate and graduate students, consists of both a social team comprised of members dancing for enjoyment and a more advanced, competitive team who competes for GW. Each year, GW Ballroom attends many competitions – their Colonial Classic, the DC Dance Inferno, the Ohio National Competition, and the Mid-Atlantic Regionals. GW Ballroom offers free lessons, teaching dances such as the fox trot, and hosts a Swing Dance Social open to the entire community.



Shake it Out

Dance



GW's dance groups entertain audiences across the country

XOLA

GW's XOLA dance team performs to bring awareness to the dance cultures of Africa and the Caribbean. XOLA's mission is to bring unity to the GW campus through calling attention to the true art and dance technique native to these regions of the world. This year on campus, XOLA performed at women's basketball and volleyball halftime shows, as well as performing at the GlobeMed Benefit Gala. The ladies of XOLA hosted a XOLA Zumba events and a bake sale as an act of fundraising. Furthermore, XOLA ventured out into the greater DC area to perform at the Bernan Fashion Show in Rockville, Maryland.

Balance

GW's Balance, a dance group that provides passionate dancers with the opportunity to perform, take classes, teach classes, choreograph, create costumes, direct shows, and run a stage. Each semester, Balance produces a show in the Marvin Center – each fall, they perform *The Nutcracker*, and each spring, they produce a spring-themed show. The Spring 2016 show is themed "Dancing through the Decades." Balance welcomes dancers of all skill levels, supporting them and embracing the love of dance in all.

Capital Funk

Capital Funk, a popular GW dance performance group established in 2004, uses music and dance to promote hip-hop culture and educate its dancers and audience. Capital Funk performs on campus and at events external to GW in the DC area. This fall at GW, Capital Funk performed at Colonial Invasion, Raas Chaos, and other on campus events. The group competed in the East Coast Dance Competition at the end of the fall semester. Also, Capital Funk offers an open class series and free dance classes for students to attend and learn the art of hip-hop dancing.





Pitches

The all-female a cappella group, the GW Pitches, had a successful, talent-filled year on campus. The ladies participated in the Student Showcase and Acappellapalooza on campus. This season, they opened a men's basketball game with the National Anthem. On a fair weather day in October, they performed on the beautiful Georgetown Waterfront. Along with Sons of Pitch, the Pitches hosted their annual Pitchslapped event, as well as the annual Winter Concert at the end of the fall semester. Remarkably, the Pitches recorded and released their album, *Violet*, in the spring semester.

The Voice Gospel Choir

The Voice Gospel Choir, an a cappella group that strives to be a ministry on campus, shares their talent and message with the GW campus through many performances and service events. The Gospel Choir performed in Acappellapalooza, the GlobeMed Gala, MLK Day Breakfast, as well as hosting their winter and spring concerts. This past October, The Voice traveled to Pittsburgh for Gospel Explosion, where they sang with gospel choirs from six other universities.



Sirens

Channeling the singing sirens of Greek mythology, the GW Sirens' talent captures listeners on the GW campus. The multi-genre performance group participated in several on-campus events, such as Acappellapalooza, as well as hosting their annual Winter Concert on the Mount Vernon Campus. The ladies also performed at DC's City Center Sing Off, a competition that led them to a victory over the GW Motherfunkers and other DC area a cappella groups.

Vibes

The GW Vibes continue to share their talent not only on campus but in the DC area, as well. This co-ed group performed several on-campus shows at Acappellapalooza, during fall finals week at Midnight Breakfast, and in Kogan Plaza. This year, the Vibes were honored to perform at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in April. They are also compiling an album to share their immense talent with fans and listeners.



Serenading the A Capella Soul



A capella groups thrive at GW

Troubadours

The Troubadours, GW's oldest campus a cappella group, had a year of excellent performances on campus and in the greater Washington, D.C. area. The affectionately dubbed "Troubs" hosted the annual Acappellapalooza, where they and GW's other a cappella groups entertained students and their parents during Colonials Weekend. They also hosted their annual Winter Concert before winter break. Their most notable performance of the year, however, took place in the White House for the White House Holiday celebration. The Troubs even made an appearance on Michelle Obama's Instagram account.

Sons Of Pitch

Sons of Pitch, GW's all-male a cappella group, brought much talent to campus this year. They participated in several a cappella performances on campus, such as Acappellapalooza and Pitchslapped, as well as performing in the annual Welcome Week Student Performance Showcase at the start of the 2015-2016 academic year. Sons of Pitch hosted their annual Fall Concert before the end of the Fall 2015 semester. Excitingly, Sons of Pitch qualified for the Mid-Atlantic semifinals of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella this year.

Motherfunkers

As the newest a cappella group on campus, the GW Motherfunkers have brought their talent through contemporary music to the GW campus since 2012. This co-ed group participated in many a cappella events on campus, such as Acappellapalooza and Colonial Idol. They performed at the annual Colonial Invasion in the fall, and hosted a Winter Concert before the closing of the Fall 2015 semester. The GW Motherfunkers were honored with the opportunity to perform at DC's City Center along with other a cappella groups from colleges in the area and GW's very own GW Sirens.





Generic Theatre Company

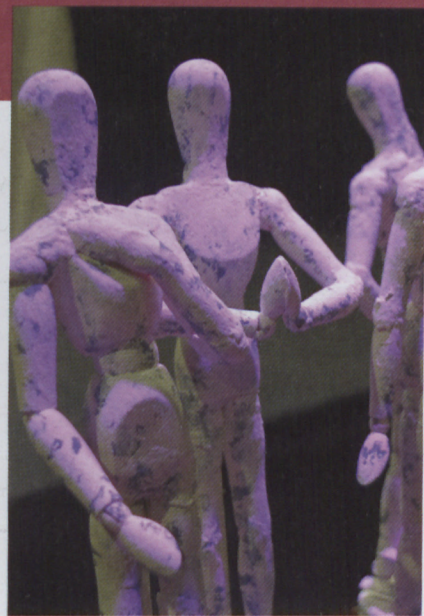
As GW's oldest student theatre company on campus, the Generic Theatre Company, upholds many traditions over the years. They have produced plays, musicals, their 24-Hour Play, and the annual Freshman Showcase since 1985. During the fall season, the company performed *The Laramie Project* and Edward Albee's *Three Tall Women*. The spring season brought *The Glass Menagerie*, *The Mistakes Madeline Made*, and *Spring Awakening* to the Generic Theatre Company's stage.

Forbidden Planet Productions

Forbidden Planet Productions, one of GW's top campus theater groups, is most well known for their annual production of the *Rocky Horror Picture Show* each October. Forbidden Planet Productions, also referred to as FPP, put on several productions in the fall and spring. This year, FPP hosted their twenty-first production of *Rocky Horror* over Halloween weekend. In addition, Forbidden Planet Productions performed *Catholic School Girls* and *Dogfight* in the fall. In the spring, FPP staged their tenth annual Musical Cabaret, performing numbers from popular shows such as *Mamma Mia* and *Hamilton*.



Let's Go on with Theater the Show



Theater groups dazzle their audiences

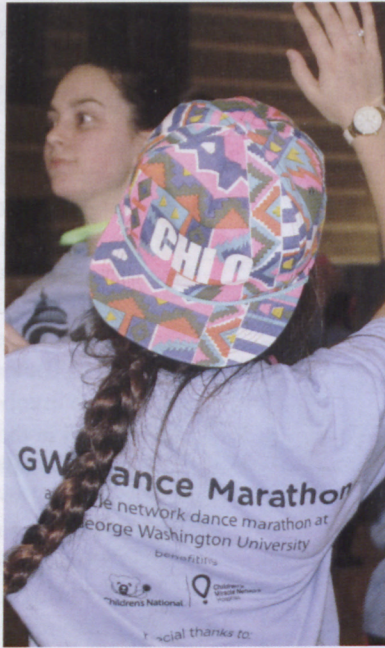
The four theater companies at GW are home to thespians and performers from all backgrounds, ranging from life-long actors to those who are stepping on the stage for the first time. Together, the companies put on as many as twenty shows throughout the school year and include dozens of actors from across all schools. Each play is selected, produced and acted out by students. At the end of every year, the companies come together to host their annual Theater Prom. This acts as the end of the year gala for all those involved in the theater companies. The Theater Prom is held in the Elliot School's City View Room, offering a picturesque backdrop to close the season.

GW Shakespeare Company

The GW Shakespeare Company pays tribute to the Bard himself by bringing his plays to life on campus and promoting Shakespeare-related activities in the greater D.C. area. In their Fall 2015 season, the company performed *The Winter's Tale* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, as well as hosted their fourth annual Shakespearean Smackdown. For the spring season, GW Shakespeare put on a production of Molière's *Tartuffe*. The company ended the year with their annual company awards and end of the year festival.

14th Grade Players

The 14th Grade Players hosted a variety of performances during both the fall and spring semesters. This past fall, this student-run company performed several shows including *10 Things I Hate About You* and *A Mighty Man Is He*. These were held in the Black Box Theater located on the Mount Vernon Campus. They also hosted Welcome Back One Acts at the start of the fall semester. In the spring, 14th Grade Players put on productions of *The Graduate*, *Time Stands Still*, and *Art*.



Dance the Night

Dance Marathon **Away**



Dancers reach goal of raising six digits at Dance Marathon

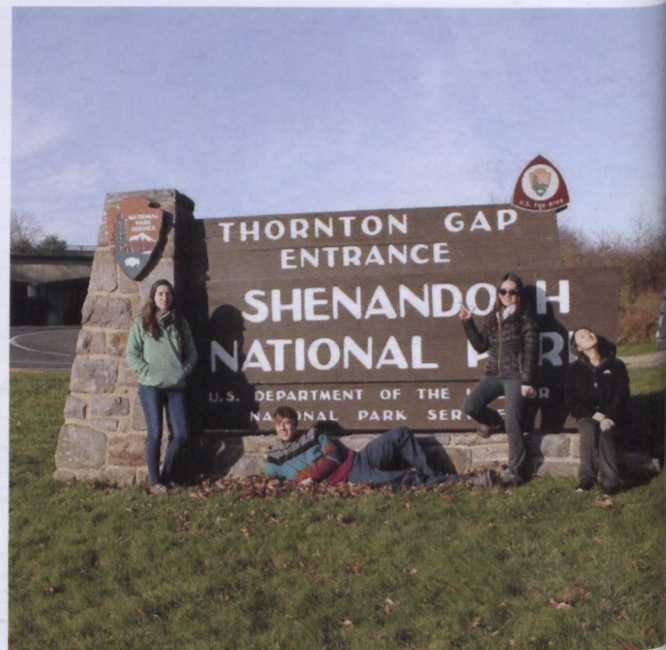
George Washington University hosted its third Dance Marathon on February 27, 2016, and it was the university's most successful marathon yet. Each year, the Dance Marathon executive board begins preparation almost a full year in advance of the next twelve-hour marathon. During the event, dancers stood for twelve hours straight, dancing, participating in activities, and spending time with the children of Children's National Hospital. Proceeds from the event benefit the kids and patients of Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C.

This year, Dance Marathon participants set a goal of raising \$100,000. They worked tirelessly to promote the event through social media and local fundraisers. Through their dedication and the support of students, family, and friends, GW Dance Marathon surpassed their initial goal by \$20,000, raising a total of \$120,037.16.

Dance Marathon participant and executive board member Bonnie Waxman says, "I have been blessed by Dance Marathon in so many ways. It has given me so much to be thankful for – a new family, my personal health, and the ability to mobilize a growing part of the student body for such an incredible cause."

Through their fundraising efforts and dedication to the cause, GW Dance Marathon has proven they are truly "FTK" (for the kids). GW is just one of the many universities contributing to a children's hospital in the hope of making it a happier place for the patients. GW is and will continue to contribute to this movement for many years to come.





Colonials Just Wanna For Fun Have Fun



Clubs offer a fun environment for students to hang out

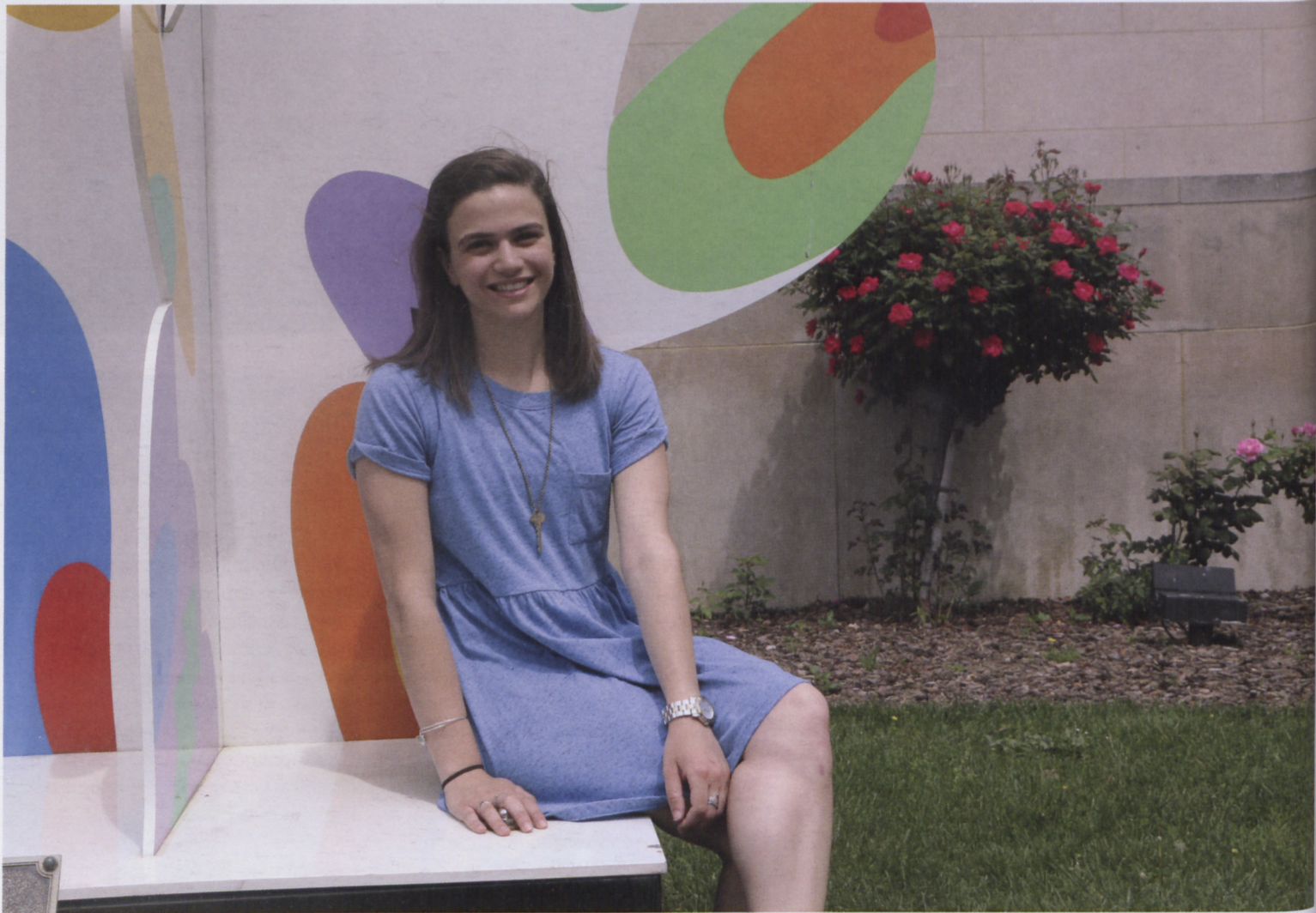
Tabletop Gaming Society

GW's Tabletop Gaming Society, which joined the student organization community in 2014, aims to be an outlet for students with an interest in the various forms of tabletop gaming. GW TGS promotes an environment fit for healthy competition, as well as supporting and encouraging society members to compete in official local tournaments and gaming events and attend conferences and conventions dedicated to gaming. GW TGS even encourages members to create their own tabletop games. Additionally, GW TGS works with local businesses to raise funds for educational tabletop games in support of schools in the community.

Humans vs. Zombies

GW Humans vs. Zombies, referred to as HvZ, is based on the situation of a zombie apocalypse. Throughout the year, HvZ hosts many exhilarating games around campus. Each game involves members sporting a bandana to signify whether they are "human" or "zombie." The players aim to stay alive as long as possible while they complete the missions assigned to them by the moderator. Besides frequent games and missions, HvZ hosts field days on the Mount Vernon Campus and around Foggy Bottom. In addition to games, missions, and field days, HvZ was invited to participate in Penn State's Invitational game in the spring. Also, each Valentine's Day, HvZ puts on a fundraiser by selling "Zombiegrams" to celebrate the holiday.

The Embodiment Juman Kekhia of a Colonial





Reflecting on the impact of the GW experience

Throughout her four years at George Washington University, senior Juman Kekhiah has fully immersed herself into the GW experience. Juman's GW resume includes spending a summer spent on Colonial Cabinet for the annual Colonial Inauguration, participating as a member of GW's Balance Ballet Group, working as Senior Class Gift coordinator, and being part of the Marvin Center governing board. Additionally, Juman, along with a friend, successfully ran Andie Dowd's 2015 campaign for Student Association President. Juman is also a proud sister of GW's chapter of Alpha Delta Pi.

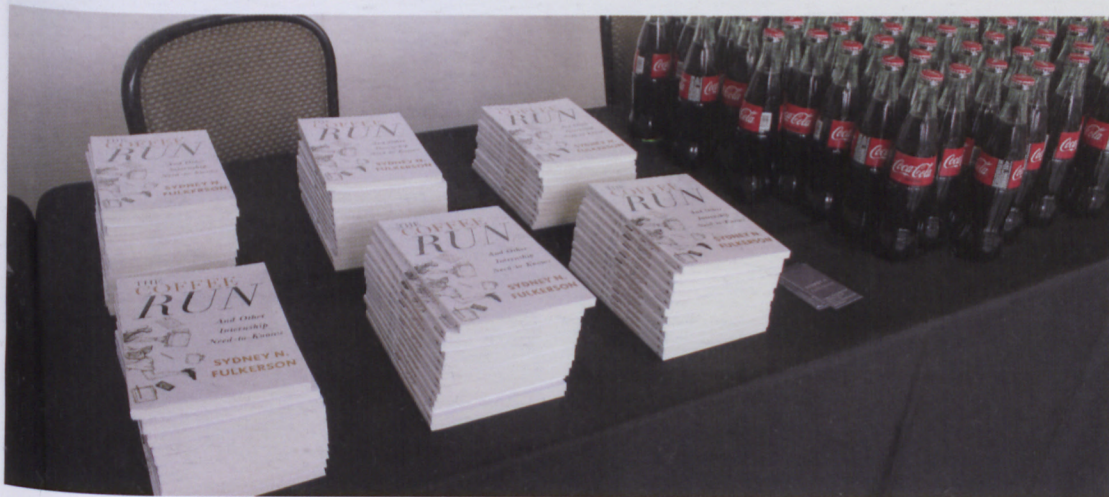
During her undergraduate years, Juman dedicated much time to her studies, double majoring in International Affairs and Dance with concentrations in International Development and Sociocultural Anthropology. Reflecting on her time at GW, Juman says that if she could give any advice to her undergraduate self, she would tell herself to not take yourself too seriously, but to take what you do seriously. Upon departing from GW, Juman will take with her the lessons and experiences that her time here provided her. Thanks to GW, she has been encouraged to try new things, live fearlessly and for new experiences, and that if you ask for something, the worst answer you can get is "no." Following that, she finds it important to "remember that you're a single person in this massive world." Although Juman is only one person, she has made a significant impact on the GW community and will impact the world after graduation.

After graduation, Juman will embark on a journey to Chicago, where she will work for Teach for America. She plans to take with her the lessons she learned throughout her time at GW – specifically the idea of resilience. Through her involvement and experiences at GW, resilience has always been a recurring theme. She finds it crucial to listen to others and to develop an understanding of where they are coming from. She strives to create a community and dive fearlessly into new environments – a skill taught to her by her time at GW.





Live, Learn, Academic Grow



Creating opportunity for students from day one

International Affairs Society

GW's International Affairs Society (IAS) is the largest nonpartisan student organization on campus that is dedicated to fostering a greater understanding of international affairs, politics, and diplomacy. IAS is affiliated with the Elliott School of International Affairs, and several other student activities fall within IAS. The Globe – an undergraduate academic journal for international affairs – and the nationally ranked Model United Nations team are both housed within IAS. This year, IAS hosted two Model UN conferences here in Washington, D.C. The Greater Washington Area Conference on International Affairs (GW CIA) brought over 400 middle school students to the GW campus, while the Washington Area Model United Nations Conference (WAMUNC) brought over 1300 high school students from around the world to discuss international issues. Besides this, IAS hosts many events such as embassy visits and guest speakers who are experts in the field of international affairs.

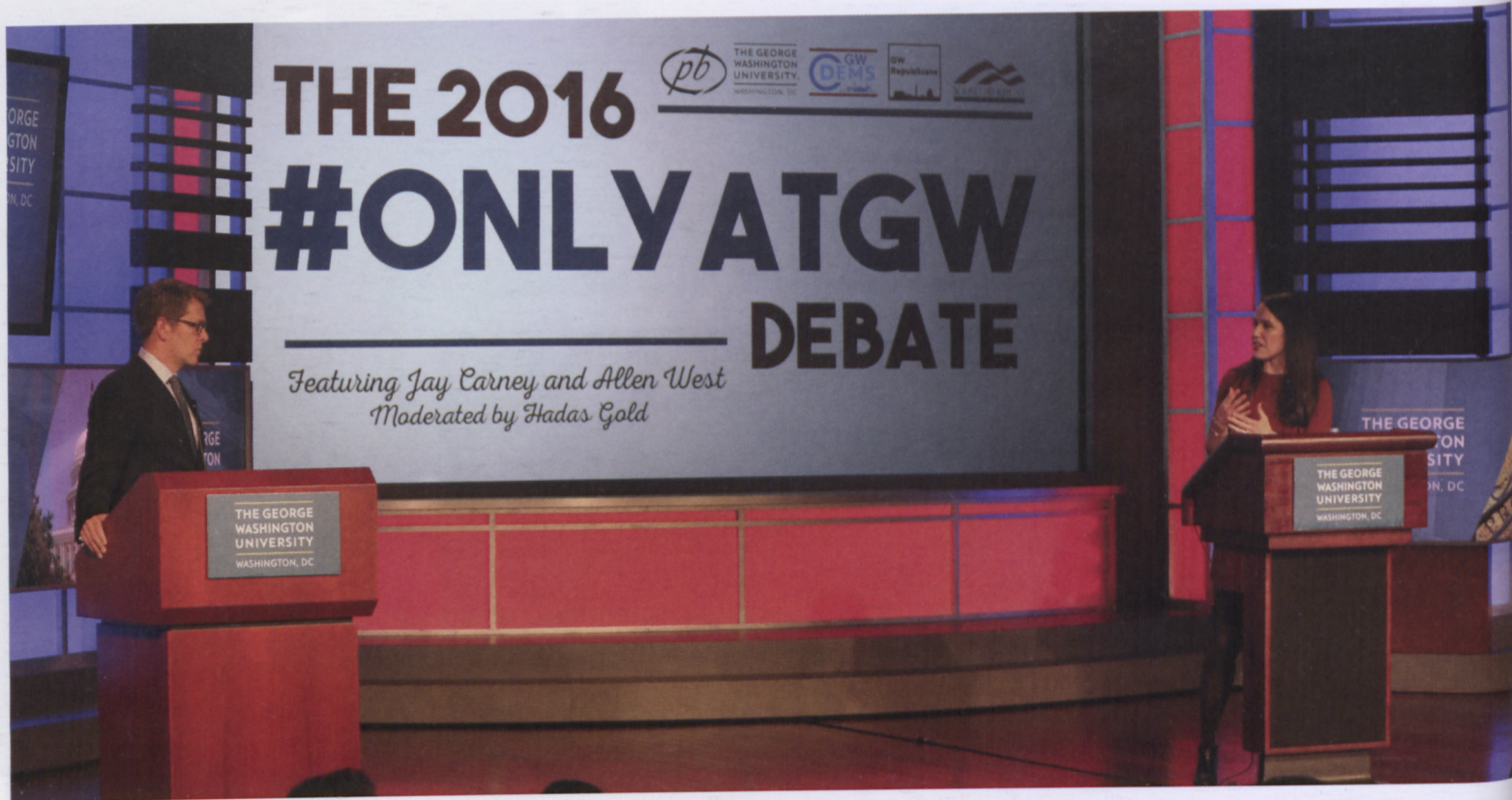
Women In Business

GW Women in Business is an organization made up of a like-minded group of women with the goal to guide undergraduate women to succeed personally and professionally. GWWIB's mission is to provide undergraduate women across each GW school with resources to excel in the workforce and build a network where they learn and grow through the three main focus areas of "careers, connections, and community." This year, GWWIB hosted many events for their members such as the United Women in Business Workshop, a GMAT Prep Session with Manhattan Prep, the Deloitte Business Chemistry Workshop, a Backpacks to Briefcases event with AXA, and a "How to Ace the Interview" event with KPMG. This spring, GWWIB hosted a welcome back event entitled Cupcakes and Conversations. In April, they put on the 7th Annual Spring Conference: Limitless, Expand Your Boundaries. Additionally, GWWIB hosted the First Annual GWWIB Gala benefiting Empowered Women International, embarked on their annual New York trip, and held a Meet Our Mascot event, where the mascot Georgie W. Wib launched.

Association for Women in Mathematics

Founded in August 2013, GW's Association for Women in Mathematics encourages and supports not only women but any gender interested in the field of mathematics to pursue careers and opportunities in the field. This year, AWM held a Fall Networking Event for students interested in the field. Besides the networking event, AWM hosted the Spring 2016 Nerd Olympics. AWM also holds weekly study group meetings.





College Democrats

GW College Democrats is the largest chapter of College Democrats organizations in the United States. This year, the organization held a Pink Out Gala to benefit Planned Parenthood, which featured food, music, dancing, and a lot of pink. The College Democrats also held their annual competitions against GW's College Republicans, such as a blood drive and a football game. The events represented the friendly competition between the organizations, and the immense political activism of Colonials.

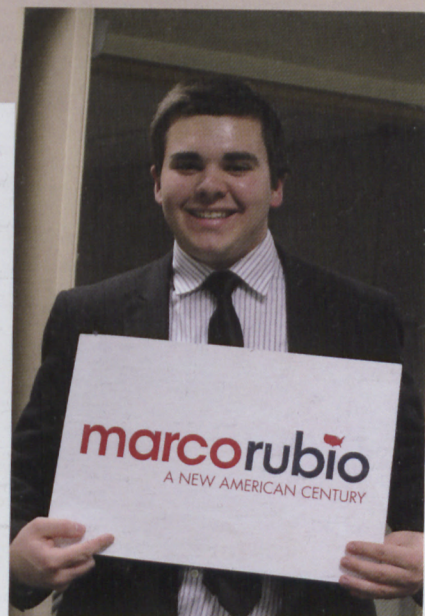
College Republicans

GW College Republicans is one of the largest chapters of College Republicans in the nation, and the second largest student organization at GW. Students worked to advance a conservative message and bring GW Republicans together. The organization held their annual Christmas Party, played a football game against the College Democrats, and took members to a free SoulCycle class.



Campaigning

Politics Colonials



Students rally for political activism as election nears

GW for Bernie

Some GW students "felt the Bern" and joined GW for Bernie, a new political organization campaigning for Democratic candidate, Senator Bernie Sanders. Bernie Sanders' supporters at GW found company at the Pints and Politics event which featured the founders of Ben and Jerry's ice cream, outspoken supporters for Bernie Sanders.

GW for Hillary

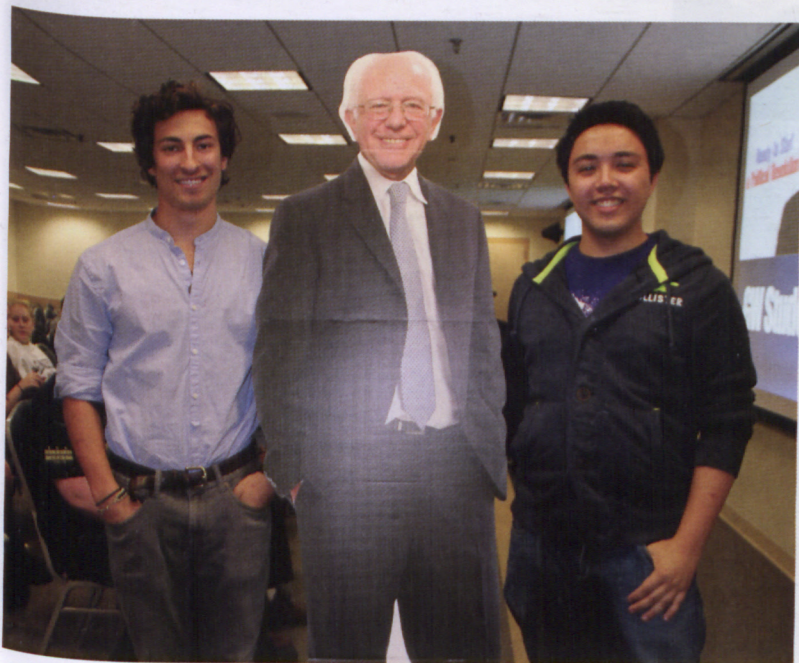
GW for Hillary was formed in support of Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton in her campaign for President. The organization held numerous phone banks, and even took a campaign trip to New Hampshire before the 2016 primary. The group is the largest of the campaign-specific groups on campus, with an email list of over 300 and active participation by close to 100 GW students.

GW Students for Rubio

Marco Rubio supporters at GW formed Students for Rubio, an organization working to elect the Florida Senator. The students involved campaigned for Rubio through a large social media presence, phone banking, and campus events. They also held a large watch party for the second Republican presidential candidate debate in the fall which had attendance by Democrats and Republicans, Rubio supporters and non-supporters, alike.

GW Students for Rand

Rand Paul, a Senator from Kentucky, found support in GW students. The Senator and presidential candidate visited the university in November, an event held by GW Students for Rand. His GW supporters call themselves "liberty-loving students," and over 500 students attended the event.





Chinese American Student Association

GW's Chinese American Student Association aims to promote an understanding of the Chinese and Chinese-American culture on GW's campus through social, cultural, and professional events. Not only is CASA active on the GW campus, but they are a presence in the greater Washington, D.C. area as well through service and charitable works. CASA allows students of all backgrounds to explore Chinese culture through events and building friendships. Each year, CASA hosts the Lunar New Year show, consisting of skits and other performances to celebrate the new year. Also, the annual date auction is a well-known CASA event. CASA employs a "Big/Little" program for its members and hosts many exciting, culturally immersive events throughout the year.

Southeast Asian Association

Founded in March 2013, the Southeast Asian Association aims to promote Southeast Asian culture to the GW campus. This organization represents countries such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The SEAA connects all interested students through cultural, political, social, and economic aspects. SEAA partners with other Southeast Asian groups such as GWU Vietnamese Student Association and the Asian Student Alliance to host events throughout the year. This year, SEAA has hosted discussions on topics like the Immigrant Experience. They have frequent film and documentary viewings, and even hosted a panel in the fall on the elections in Myanmar. A popular SEAA event is the "Foodie Trips," where members dine at local Southeast Asian restaurants to enjoy the cultural aspects of Southeast Asia here in Washington, D.C.



Multicultural Cultural Merriment



Cultural clubs bring all regions of the world to GW

Black Student Union

The Black Student Union of The George Washington University was founded in 1968 with the mission to create a community among students of the African Diaspora here in Washington, D.C. The BSU aims to stimulate the intellectual, political, social, and cultural growth of the GW student body, as well as sparking awareness about black issues not only during black history month, but every day of the year. This year, the BSU hosted many events ranging from fundraisers and service opportunities to discussions and guest speakers. The events included an evening of conversation on the topic of #BlackLivesMatter versus #AllLivesMatter, a lecture on black history within Washington, D.C., a panel on how social media affects activism, and an evening with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton.

Indian Students' Association

GW's Indian Students' Association is an organization open to all members of the GW student body with the purpose of celebrating the Indian culture, as well as partnering with other South Asian student organizations, such as GW Pakistani Students' Association and the GW Sikh Student Association, to promote the culture. In the fall, ISA hosted the Diwali Show, where they celebrated the Festival of Lights with performances from many of GW's dance and song groups. Also, ISA celebrated the Navratri Garba. In the spring, ISA hosted a Charity Date Auction as well as other fundraising and charity events.

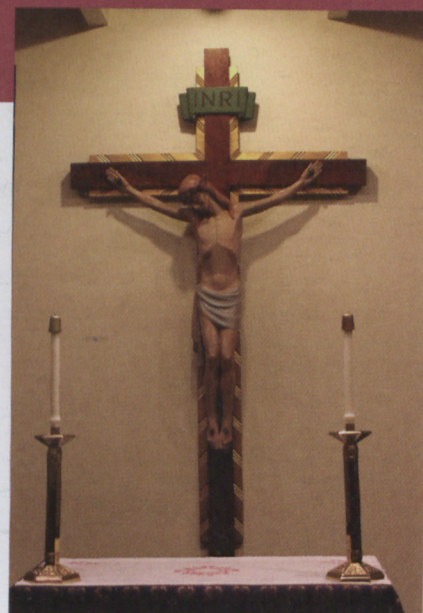
Pakistani Students' Association

The GW Pakistani Students' Association functions with the mission to bring awareness about Pakistan and its culture to Pakistani and non-Pakistani students. GW PSA hosts many exceptional events throughout the academic year, such as visits to the Embassy of Pakistan, where members hear an address from the Ambassador and share lunch with the embassy staff. Also, PSA hosts a program where Pakistani Entrepreneurs speak and present their successes. PSA holds a Rangeen event each year, as well as showing several documentaries throughout the semester, such as Rediscovering Pakistan: The Untold Tale.





Have a Little Faith-Based Faith



Faith-based organizations demonstrate GW's diversity

Hillel

GW Hillel is a Jewish faith-based organization. Hillel's most well-known event is their weekly Shabbat Dinners. During the 2016 school year, the organization began holding more "Shabbat Across the University" Dinners in which members of Hillel hosted dinner in their dorms, apartments, or Greek Townhouses following services on Friday nights. The dinners and services are known for their openness to Jews and non-Jews alike. GW Hillel also worked to increase attendance on their bi-annual Birthright trips, which allow Jewish individuals to attend a free, 10-day trip to Israel. The organization brings together followers of Judaism at GW and fosters a sense of community among members.

GW Catholics

GW Catholics, housed in the Newman Catholic Center, work to bring together the Catholic community at GW. This year, the organization continued their weekly Tuesday night dinners following mass as a way to foster a sense of community between members. They also held mass in the Marvin Center on Ash Wednesday, and held a four-part series of events during Lent in order to educate individuals on how to deepen their faith. The Catholics offered GW juniors and seniors the opportunity to attend a pilgrimage in Rome at the end of the Spring 2016 semester.

Sikh Student Association

GW Sikh Student Association (SSA) not only allows students who identify as Sikh to join together and express their beliefs, but also works to educate the GW community about their beliefs. The organization held events such as Langar, which is a free meal provided to Sikhs and non-Sikhs in order to demonstrate an emphasis on selfless service. The SSA partnered with GW's South Asian Society and Indian Student's Association for the event. GW SSA also visited DC's Gurdwara, or temple, and held a PB & J Drive.





Celebrating Excellence in Student Life Excellence



Excellence in Student Life Awards Winners 2016

Baer Award for Individual Excellence

Allison Bejar
Lindsay Goodman
Juman Kekhia
Cassidy Moriarty
Lauren Steagall

Class of 2005 9/11 Memorial Scholarship

Jeffrey Schecter

Class of 2009 University Pride Award

Rebecca Haber

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award

Steven Hamburgo

Excellence in Diversity Award

Allied In Pride
Indian Students Association
Organization Of Latino American Students

Graduate Award for Individual Excellence

Cierra Kaler-Jones

Honey Nashman Spark a Life Award for Faculty Member of the Year

Kuyomars Golparvar

Joint Committee of Faculty and Students

Kathleen Hunt
Gabriela Madrid
Kenneth Shin
Cristian Vides
Priyanka Walimbe
Alyssa Weakley

Learning Through Action Award

Career Quest

Manatt-Trachtenberg Prize

Chris Evans

Marc A. Zambetti Award

Amit Nayak

Mount Vernon Award

Evan Nielson

Outstanding Student Service Award (Group)

Zeta Beta Tau

Outstanding Student Service Award (Individual)

Erin Boudreau
Frank Fritz
Pranav Nanda

Pyramid Winner for Student Organization of the Year

Organization Of Latino American Students
Students Against Sexual Assault
Students For Recovery

Residential Advisor of the Year Award

Calla Gilson

Robert A. Chernak Spark a Life Award for Staff Member of The Year

Rachael Wise

Student Employee of the Year Award

Matthew Nicholas
Joy Yi

Student Organization Officer of the Year Award

Jordan Grobe
Tiffany Jones

Students' Choice for Performance Group of the Year

Vibes

Wall of Fame Award

Kate Bell
Mollie Bowman
Zinhle Essamuah

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Great Women

Bid Day Go Greek

Panhellenic Recruitment welcomed hundreds of women to the sisterhood

On October 6th, 2015, hundreds of women raced to the National Mall on one of the most anticipated days of the year: Bid Day. Over six hundred women went through recruitment in the fall of 2015, and four long days of conversation and bonding culminated with the receipt of a Bid.

Bid Day is the day that new members are welcomed into the Greek community and existing sisters celebrate the continuation of their organization's legacy. Greek women demonstrated their sisterhood and pride within each organization, as songs and cheers filled the air in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Each chapter also welcomed back their disaffiliated sisters—Pi Rho Chi and members of the Panhellenic Board—who hid their chapter membership in order to help new women find their place in the Greek community in an unbiased way.

New members and sisters embraced and cheered, introduced themselves and got to know each other as Bid Day went on. Sororities also celebrated with events on bid day and in the weeks following to welcome and incorporate the new members into their respective chapters. Bid Day symbolized the beginning of a new chapter for many women, opening doors to opportunities and experiences they would treasure for the rest of their lives.







Let the [Board] Greek Week Games Begin

GW Greek Life sets "Board Games" as the year's Greek Week theme

Every fall, members of the Greek community plan for weeks to successfully compete in Greek Week. Greek Week is a week of events that bring the entire Greek community together in an effort to form bonds between chapters and give back to the D.C. community. Members of Panhellenic sororities, Multicultural sororities and fraternities, and IFC fraternities were divided into teams, with each team representing a different board game, including Clue, Battleship, Chutes and Ladders, and others.

Greek Week began with Greek Day of Service: an afternoon of service events with various groups including SASA and JumpStart. Teams earned points based on attendance. One to three teams worked together with a certain organization to complete service related tasks. One group made blankets, another put together care packages, and another created motivational cards.

The most popular night of any Greek Week is Skit Night. Teams were challenged to choreograph dance numbers with costumes that embodied their board game. The week also included an intramural night, in which teams played intramural sports games, and held a toy drive.

At the end of the week, points were totaled from each individual event and a winner was named. This year, the winner was team Chess, which was comprised of Chi Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Sigma Psi Zeta! Greek Week proved successful in providing a fun and exciting schedule of events and uniting members of the Greek community for a good cause.





Highlights from Greek Week 2015

Greek Day of Service - Members of the Greek community volunteered at service sites around Foggy Bottom

Skit Night - Greek teams performed skits following the "Board Game" theme. Team Chess won - Chi Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Psi Zeta

Game Night - Teams participated in an intramural volleyball tournament

BBQ - Greek members held a bbq in U-Yard where they collected toys for a toy drive



Beta Theta Pi

"What makes Beta unique is the diversity of the brotherhood. Pulling from across the university and from across the country, the diversity of interests allows for every brother to find a home here in the fraternity."

- Benji Englander

Interfraternity Council Chapters



Delta Sigma Phi



Delta Tau Delta

"Delta Tau Delta has given me unbreakable friendships and brotherhood. It has also opened countless doors on and off campus. We're all very different individuals and bring so much to the table, yet we all mesh so well and and have fun."

- Jimmy Bondi



Kappa Alpha Order



Kappa Sigma



Lamda Chi Alpha



Phi Sigma Kappa

"I love my fraternity because here, I found a home away from home. We all come from different places and even different countries, but here we are a family. Brotherhood is not something easy to achieve, but it perserveres."

- Liam Goodwin

Interfraternity Council Chapters



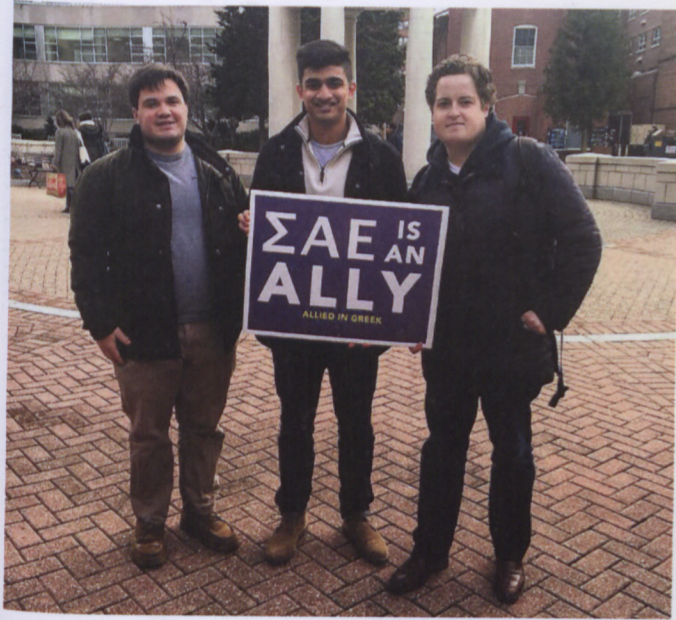
Pi Kappa Alpha



Pi Kappa Phi

"We believe in continuous self improvement, for the only way to make our organization better is for our members to have the drive to make themselves better."

- Chase Johnson



Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Sigma Chi



Sigma Nu



Sigma Phi Epsilon

Interfraternity Council Chapters



Zeta Beta Tau



Alpha Delta Pi



Alpha Epsilon Phi

"I love my chapter because AEPi is my home away from home and I love how everyday I'm surrounded by a group of kind, smart and funny girls who always have my back and are there for me!"

- Lauren Turso

Panhellenic Association Chapters



Alpha Phi

"I love my chapter because Alpha Phi has provided me with an unflappable support system comprised of incredible women who continually inspire me to become the best sister, leader, and student I can be."

- Alissa Laham



Chi Omega



Kappa Delta

"I love Kappa Delta because my sisters always push each other to be the best possible version of themselves, and they always help each other get there."

- Kathryn Hurst

Panhellenic Association Chapters



Kappa Kappa Gamma



Phi Sigma Sigma

"I know that my sisters will be there to always laugh with me, provide a shoulder to cry on, and always push me to be the best I can be. The amazing support system that Phi Sig has provided me is something for which I am forever grateful."

- Mikaela Phillips



Pi Beta Phi



Sigma Delta Tau



Sigma Kappa



Striving for Greek Executive Council Excellence

Greek leadership councils work towards the success of all chapters

Panhellenic Association

The Panhellenic Association serves as the connection between sororities and the university. Comprised of ten chapters and over one thousand women, the Panhellenic Association includes nearly 32% of the undergraduate female population. The members who serve on the Panhellenic Executive Board work with delegates from each of the ten sororities to ensure that all voices are heard and that each chapter is being represented effectively. As a whole, the association works to make sure that the Greek experience at GWU is a rewarding one, and works to ensure that the opportunities are available for those who want them. They are best known for planning formal recruitment each fall where they help nearly a thousand girls find their homes.

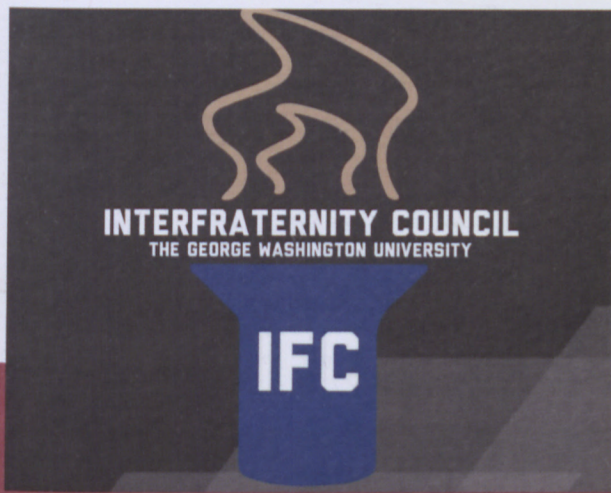
Junior Panhellenic Association

The Junior Panhellenic Association provides new members with the opportunity to get involved in the Panhellenic community early on in their sorority experience and allows for the youngest members of GW Greek life to gain valuable leadership experience from the minute they enter their chapter. JPC allows for young women to ease their way into Panhellenic, while also preparing them to take on more responsibilities in future leadership positions in Greek life or elsewhere. The youngest ladies on campus have to opportunity to help plan and brainstorm ideas to build relationships in the Greek community and provide a unique link between the Panhellenic executive board and the new member classes by creating a connection from day one.

Inter-Fraternity Council

The Inter-Fraternity Council at The George Washington University was created to unify social fraternities under the common bond of brotherhood. IFC strives to improve life on campus and enriching the communities surround GW. The fraternities on campus foster friendships and allow both the Greek life and GW community to participate in social events such as mixers, date parties, and formals, but they also allow for community building on campus through individual philanthropy events unique to each chapter. The IFC executive board serves as the governing body for all the chapters underneath the IFC jurisdiction. Along with the president of each chapter, IFC seeks to promote unity among the men. IFC also seeks to build relationships with other organizations at GW through programming and community-building activities.





Young, Ambitious and Empowering

April Mininsohn



Greek member serves as role model for the GW Greek community

April Mininsohn is not your average sophomore here at The George Washington University. Upon joining Phi Sigma Sigma her freshman year, April took on the role as external philanthropy chair. In this role, April lead her chapter to various philanthropic events hosted by other members of the Greek community in fundraising efforts, as well as sporting events. During these events, April was able to become involved with fostering mental health awareness on campus, something she is very passionate about.

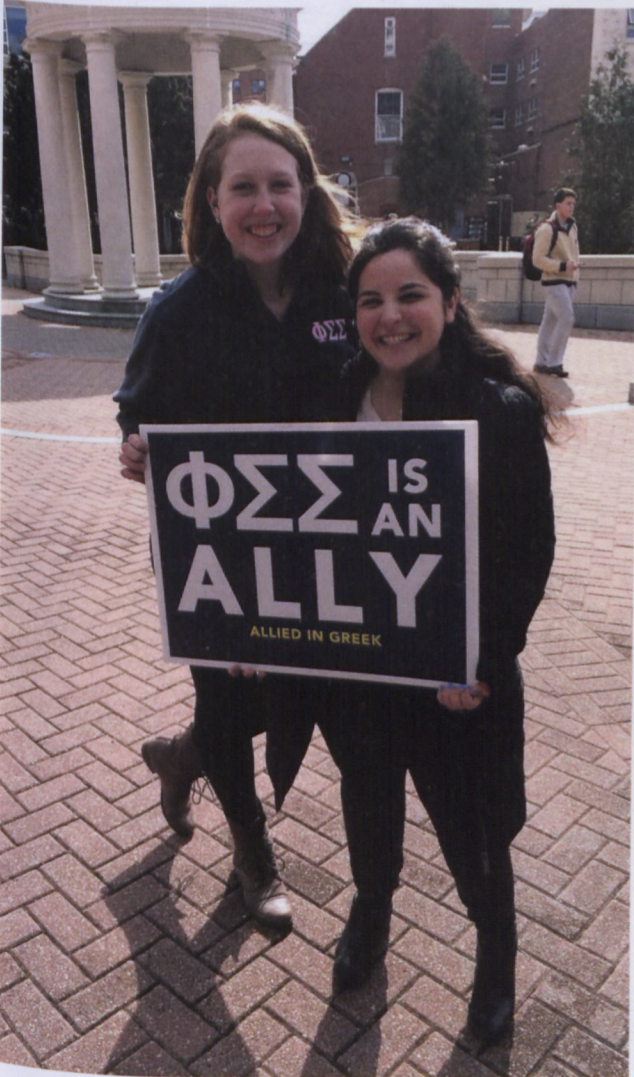
Greek life provides the opportunity to build lasting connections not just in your individual chapter, but with the entire community.

"I've been able to make so many close friends that stretch across all chapters throughout our community, and who support me in everything I do."

The support she felt from her sisters has helped April juggle her school, her social life, and incredible internships. In less than two years, April has worked for a congressional office, Emily's List, and interned for a Senate campaign.

April can now add Potential New Member Communications Chair to her resume. This is a position on the Panhellenic Recruitment team for the Fall 2016 recruitment. In this position, she will be working with women from every other sorority and fielding questions to help the next generation of women find their homes.

"The best thing Phi Sig has done for me is given me my best friends for a lifetime, specifically in my big, my little, and my forever roommate. I know these women will be by my side forever, and I cannot imagine my life without them."





Creating Connections

AGC & MGC for Life

Alternative Greek Council

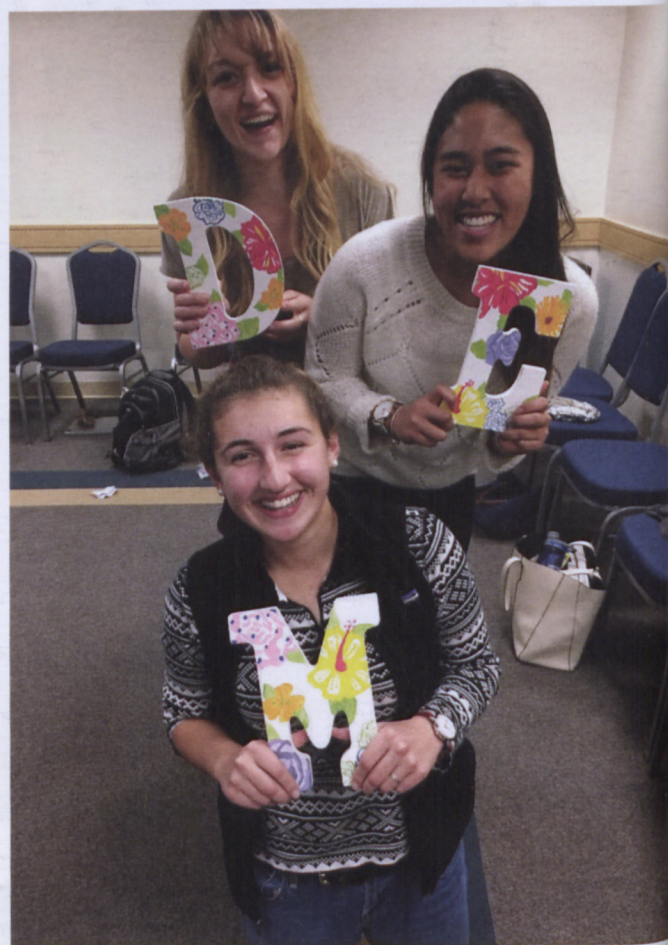
The Alternative Greek Council is made up of a body of professional, academic, and community service-based Greek life at The George Washington University. The AGC presides over organizations with focuses ranging from science to international affairs to business. AGC is composed over twelve chapters and over six hundred members.

The Greek council was created to promote the non-social and professional Greek-letter organizations on campus and to stress the existence and widespread participation in these organizations on campus. Ultimately, the members of AGC organizations are working to improve non-social and professional Greek relations and increased interaction between members of the organizations.

One of the biggest events AGC hosts each spring is, Alternative Greek Week where the members of AGC organizations enjoy events like a BBG, field day, participate in a service event, among other competitive events. The chapters get points based on money raised in Penny Wars, attendance, and winning specific events. The Alternative Greek Council also hosts events like movie screenings, this February they screened *The Intern*.

Outside of this community event, many of the chapters host individual fundraising events for philanthropies or service trips. This year, Alpha Phi Omega, GW's only gender-inclusive community service fraternity, hosted a food truck fundraiser to support their service trip to Richmond, Virginia.

AGC chapters:
 Alpha Chi Sigma
 Alpha Kappa Psi
 Alpha Omega Epsilon
 Alpha Phi Omega
 Delta Epsilon Mu
 Delta Phi Epsilon
 Delta Sigma Pi
 Epsilon Sigma Alpha
 Phi Sigma Pi
 Sigma Iota Rho
 Theta Tau





Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council serves to promote cultural awareness and increase development of individual chapters while improving collaboration with the Greek community. The Multicultural Greek Council is comprised of African-American, Latino, and Asian interest fraternities and sororities. Each of the eight chapters has a unique mission relating to its cultural interest and founding.

Each MGC chapter has a unique mission relating to its cultural interest and founding. Multicultural Greek Council gives students the opportunity to celebrate their heritage and share it with the rest of the GW community.

The council serves as a governing board of the multicultural interest fraternities and sororities at GW and serves as an important connection between the chapters and the GW community.

MGC chapters:

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Delta Sigma Theta
Zeta Phi Beta
Kappa Phi Lambda
Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad / Lambda Pi Chi
Iota Nu Delta
Pi Delta Psi
Sigma Psi Zeta



Peak of Greek

Order of Omega

Members represent the Greek community as an honor for achievements

The Order of Omega is the leadership honors society for fraternity and sorority students. It is a privilege to be a member of OOO and in order to be considered for membership, individuals must show community involvement, academic success, and leadership skills. The membership is comprised of members of all Greek organizations on campus. The goal of OOO is to bring together the best of Greek life to represent on intercollegiate fraternity affairs.

In order to be a member, inductees must have junior or senior standing on campus, maintain a minimum of 3.16 grade point average, and have been a member of their Greek organization for at least one year. The strong emphasis on leadership skills and academics allows for a unique opportunity to work with other members of the same caliber to develop all the organizations that members are a part of.

The Order of Omega provides a great opportunity for members to represent their individual letters as well as work together to be an excellent representation of the Greek community as a whole.

Each year, the Order of Omega hosts networking and community building events in order to forge relationships among the Greek community, and their connections outside the GW community.







Competing for IFC Philanthropy Charity

Fraternity brothers raise money for charity in annual philanthropies

Each school year, the fraternities at GW have the opportunity to invite the Greek and GW community to participate in their philanthropy week, which usually features some sort of field day where teams compete in soccer, flag football, or a series of relay activities. In the days leading up to the big event, the fraternity hosts other events in order to raise money for their respective causes including fundraisers, penny war and even a dance competition.

This year, Sigma Nu hosted events throughout the month of April, participants had the opportunity to raise money for the Humane Society that culminated in a football tournament on the national mall. Out of the 16 teams that participated, Sigma Kappa came out victorious and were crowned champions of the Hippo Bowl.

Pi Kappa Alpha hosted their annual philanthropy event, Fireman's Challenge. This included a volleyball tournament, a fundraiser at Potbelly, a Brotherhood Auction where the brothers auctioned off members of their fraternity to cook or clean for the highest bidder. In the end, the brothers fundraised nearly \$6,000 for the DC Firefighters Burn Foundation and crowned Sigma Kappa the FC '16 champions.

Outside of their own philanthropy's, Beta Theta Pi participated in GW Dance Marathon along side nearly 500 students where their team raised about \$3,000 for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Between formals and socials being in a fraternity has no shortage of fun, but the men of GW have proved to be more than their letters with a commitment to philanthropic causes in Washington D.C., and nationally.







Raising Awareness Panhellenic Philanthropy and Spirits

Panhellenic organizations hold fundraisers for their philanthropies

The George Washington Panhellenic community places strong value on the four pillars of Greek Life: scholarship, leadership, sisterhood, and service. When joining a chapter, the women of Greek life across campus commit themselves to serving their chapter and their communities. Each sorority on campus has a different organization whom they support and dedicate themselves to in order to make a difference.

This year, the GW Panhellenic community raised thousands of dollars for their respective philanthropies. Each chapter held weeklong events that engaged the entire GW community in their cause. Most sororities hosted athletic competitions where for the first time, a Panhel team competed alongside fraternities to raise money.

This fall, Kappa Kappa Gamma hosted their annual kickball tournament where they raised money for Reading is Fundamental, an organization that focuses on improving adult literacy. In addition, Phi Sigma Sigma hosted Sapphire Showdown, a soccer tournament that raised money for the Kids in Need Foundation, which provides school supplies for students and schools in need. Phi Sigma Sigma also participated in GW Dance Marathon where they became the top fundraising team with a donation total of over \$12,000.

Kappa Delta hosted an event where they partnered with local Girl Scout troops to sell cookies in Kogan Plaza, an event all GW students flock to because, who doesn't love girl scout cookies?

Each philanthropy season sorority's raise thousands of dollars for their respective causes and the surrounding community, and this year was no different. Whether competing with one another, or hosting themselves, the women of GW Greek life know how to have fun and serve the greater community at the same time.







Honoring Greek

Excellence in Greek Life Awards Success

The Excellence in Greek Life Awards is an annual event held to honor the members of the Greek community at GW. The Office of Greek Life welcomed the Greek community to celebrate their achievements for the 2015-2016 school year. Awards recognized the chapters and chapter members in the areas of academics, leadership, brotherhood/sisterhood, and service.

Excellence in Academic Achievement and Scholarship

Panhellenic Association- Chi Omega
Interfraternity Council- Beta Theta Pi
Multicultural Greek Council- Sigma Psi Zeta

Excellence in Leadership

Panhellenic Association- Chi Omega
Interfraternity Council- Beta Theta Pi
Multicultural Greek Council- Kappa Phi Lambda

Excellence in Programming and Member Development

Panhellenic Association- Alpha Delta Pi
Interfraternity Council- Beta Theta Pi
Multicultural Greek Council- Kappa Phi Lambda

Excellence in Chapter Operations

Panhellenic Association- Phi Sigma Sigma
Interfraternity Council- Beta Theta Pi
Multicultural Greek Council- Kappa Phi Lambda

Excellence in Service and Philanthropy

Panhellenic Association- Chi Omega
Interfraternity Council- Pi Kappa Phi
Multicultural Greek Council- Sigma Psi Zeta

Excellence in Housing Operations

Panhellenic Association- Pi Beta Phi
Interfraternity Council- Beta Theta Pi
Multicultural Greek Council- Sigma Psi Zeta

"Gate and Key" & "Delphi" Emerging Leader Awards

Panhellenic Association- Rachel Gammons, Sigma Kappa
Multicultural Greek Council- Gabriela Madrid
Lambda Pi Chi

Greek Unity Award Kappa Delta

Interfraternity Council Man of the Year Nick Carr, Zeta Beta Tau

Panhellenic Woman of the Year: Mollie Bowman, Alpha Delta Pi

Multicultural Greek Council Member of the Year: Krisstarah Gonzalez, Lambda Pi Chi

Chapter of the Year: Chi Omega







Spread the Month of Sisterly Love Love

The month of March was dedicated to Greek sisters' bonds across sororities

The 2015-2016 academic year has been filled with dozens of opportunities for members of the Panhellenic community to build and foster relationships with one another. This year, each chapter invited a Panhellenic team to participate in their philanthropy event, allowing sororities to interact together, rather than competing against one another as they do in fraternity philanthropy events. However, the month of March is known as the "Month of Sisterly Love."

Throughout the month, chapters across campus have the opportunity to host their own events with an open invitation to all Panhellenic women. Kappa Delta had "Bagel Friday" early in the morning for women to stop by and eat breakfast together before they went off to class or internships. Pi Beta Phi hosted a screening of "He Named Me Malala" in Strong Hall alongside ONE GW, which again was open to the entire Panhellenic community. Some other events included a High School Musical sing-along with Phi Sigma Sigma and a tie-dye event with Sigma Kappa.

Typically, MOSL is dedicated to a specific cause and chapters work to raise money and awareness for that cause, but this year MOSL was stripped back down to the basics in order to encourage Panhellenic women to expand their horizons among the Greek community and meet women outside of the chapter. Though all Panhellenic women made their own stories in their respective chapters, they all share similar values and experiences, and MOSL tries to harness that to build everlasting bonds with women inside and outside the chapter.







Unity in the Greek

Grand Chapter community

Rapper Hoodie Allen inspires Greek members at annual Grand Chapter

Rap artist Hoodie Allen's lyrics aren't the only thing that the members of GW Greek life listen to, this year IFC, Panhel, and MGC brought Hoodie Allen to speak at Grand Chapter.

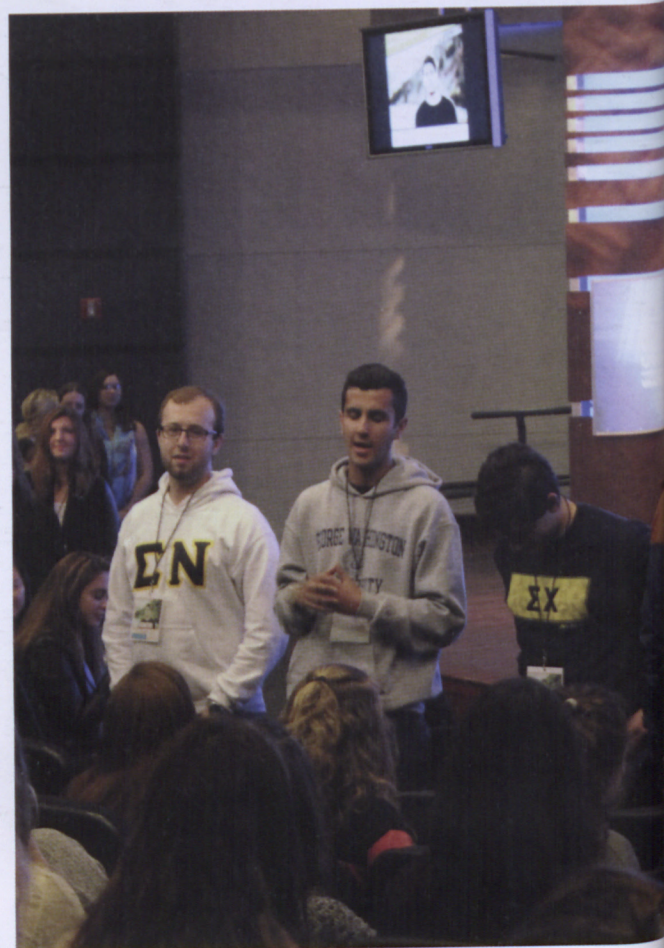
Grand Chapter, the last Greek community program of the year, is a time for the community to come together to celebrate a year to be proud of.

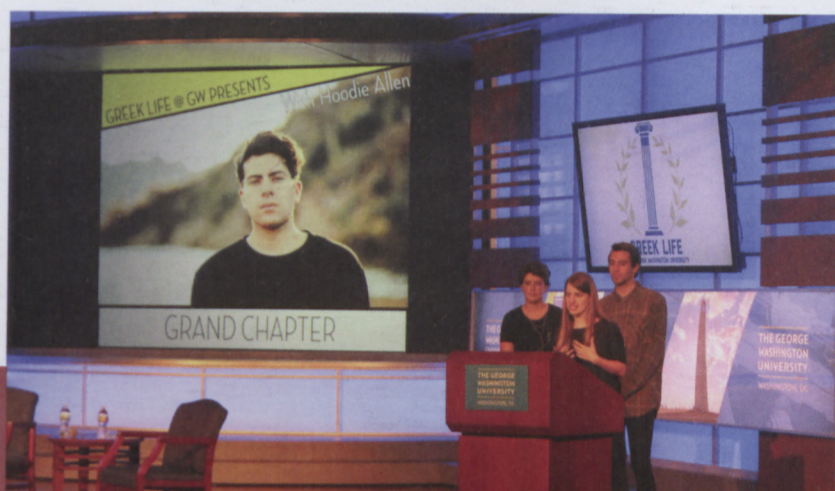
At the start of the program, each chapter's president was given the opportunity to highlight some of the amazing things they have been able to accomplish over the years. Whether it was Alpha Delta Pi logging over 2,000 hours of community service or Zeta Beta Tau's Green Light, Go, initiative to end sexual assault on college campuses, the chapter leaders certainly had something to brag about.

Hoodie Allen is an independent American rapper. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, Hoodie began his career at Google, but he found himself always wanting to work on his music and began recording his first album while still working for Google. Once he released his first EP, Hoodie left Google to follow his dreams of making music, something he has been pursuing since he was 12.

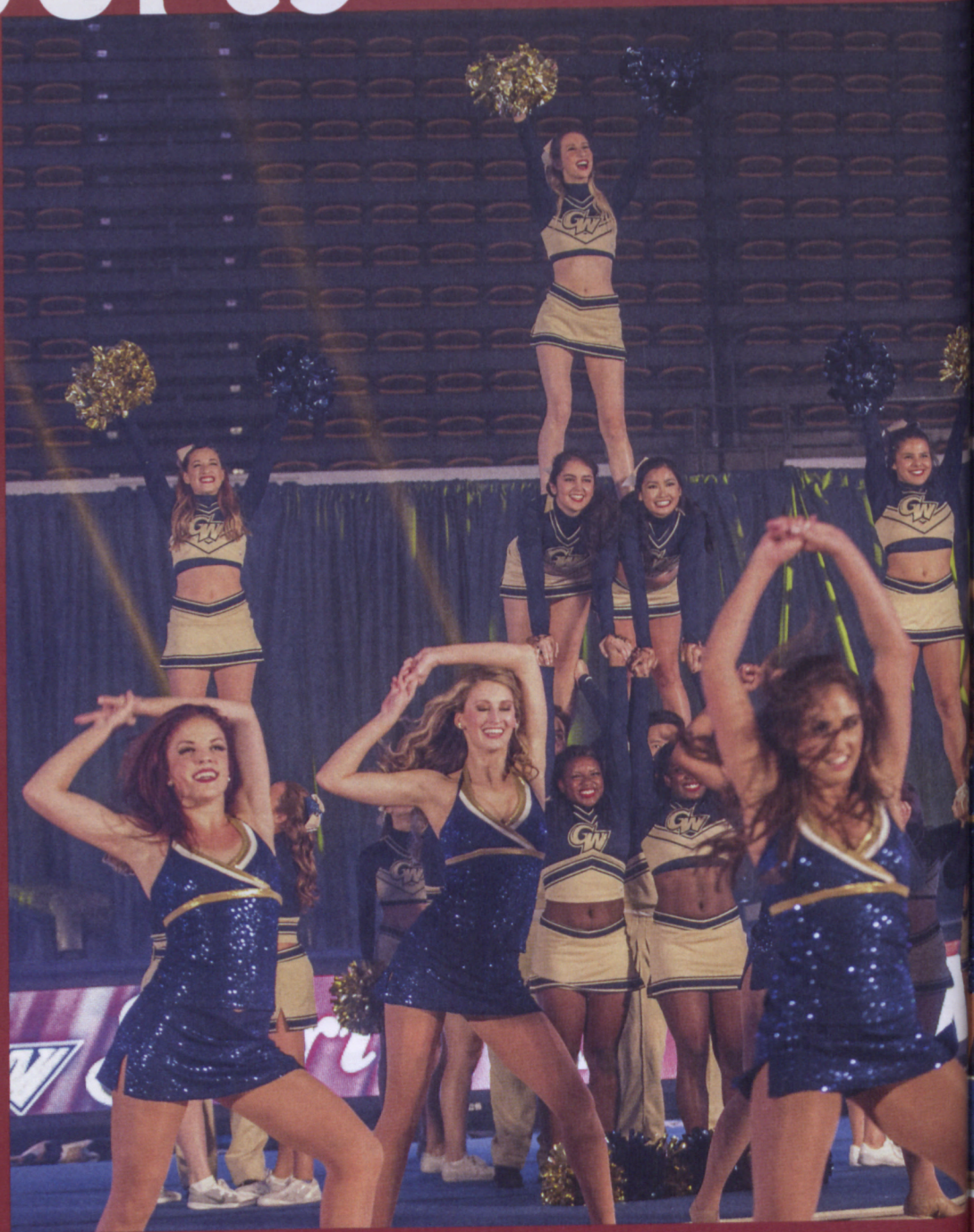
While Hoodie was a student at UPenn, he was a member of Alpha Epsilon Pi. He said as a freshman he struggled to find his place on campus and turned to Greek life and especially his fraternity to find a community that he fit into. Thankfully for Hoodie, and the rest of his fans, his brothers encouraged him to continue his career with music.

Hoodie Allen left GW Greek members with an important life lesson, "you have to put yourself 110% into what you want to do."





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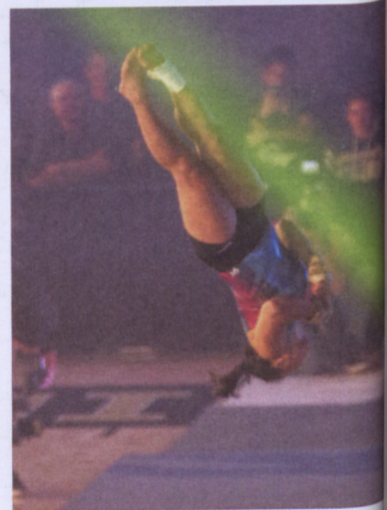


GW kicks off the basketball season

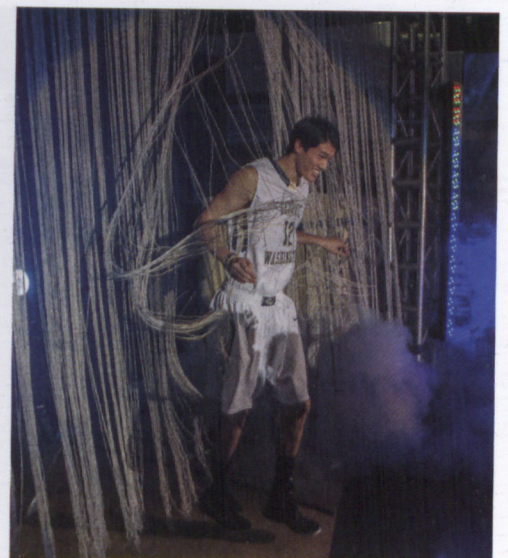
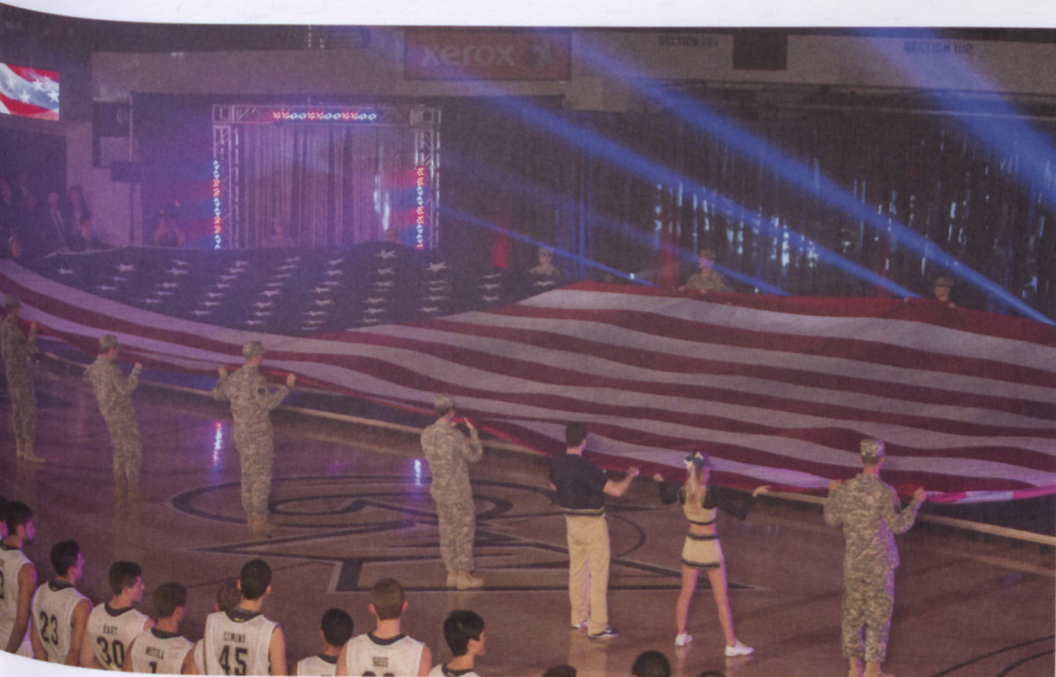
Colonial Invasion is GW's annual kickoff to the start of the basketball season, and a welcome to all of the friends and family of students at Colonials Weekend. Many student groups perform the night of the event. Among some of the

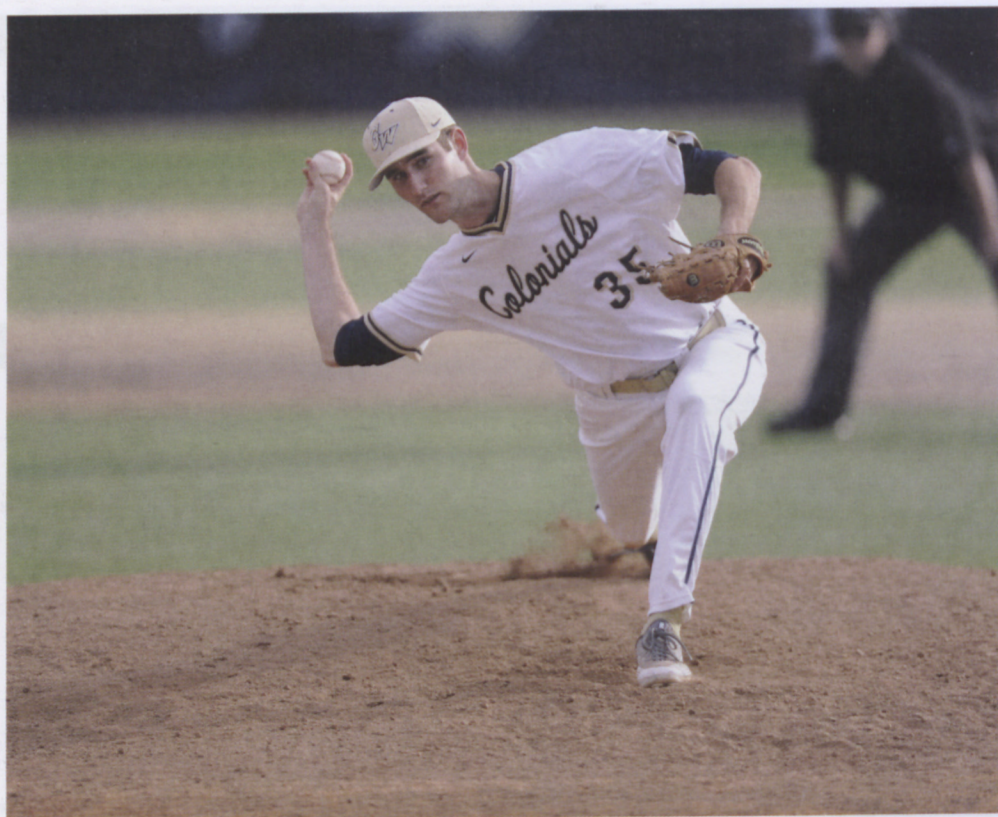
amazing performances were both the men's and women's basketball teams, gymnastics, Capital Funk, Bhangra, the spirit program, Colonial Brass, and more. Music, contests, and special giveaways were all a part of the night, as well. During the basketball teams' player introductions, future colonials created a high-5 tunnel, a fun way to include students' younger siblings at our exciting event.

The week leading up to Colonial Invasion was full of days prepping and pepping students up for the start of the basketball season. Our Spirit Week began with students lining up at Tonic's to become the next Colonial Idol. The winner of Colonial Idol had the honor of singing the National Anthem at Invasion. The next day was a picture competition for who had the most school spirit on Twitter. Students were asked to tweet their best picture of what a GW Fan looked like to them to #ColonialsInvasion2015. The winner of this competition was given VIP seating at Invasion. Spirit Week concluded with a mid campus quad shoot around with George. The men's and women's basketball team joined George to shoot some hoops before finally opening up the season on Friday.



Shooting High for Colonial Invasion the New Season





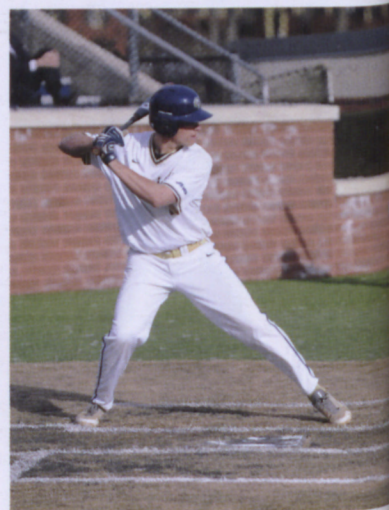
Statistics and Highlights

20 wins - 28 losses

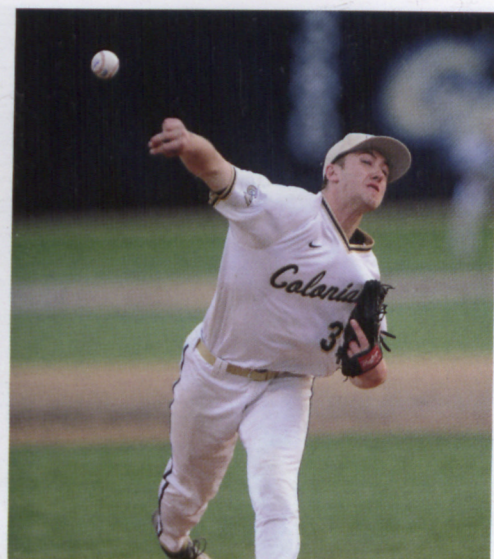
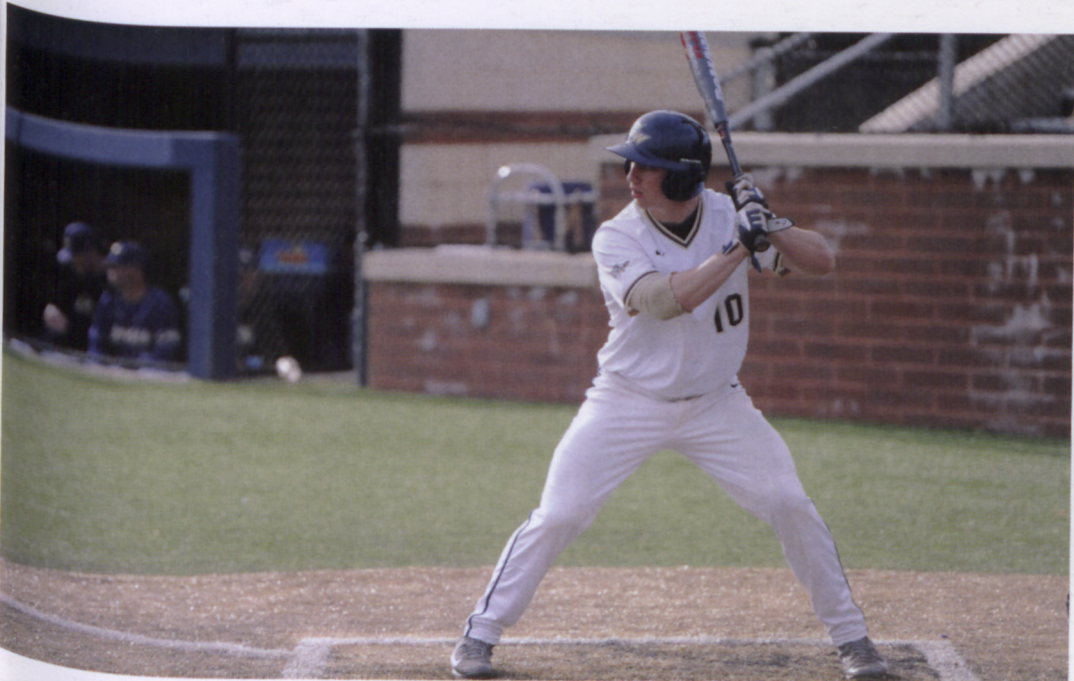
Senior Luke Olson pitched 8 innings of shutouts against George Mason

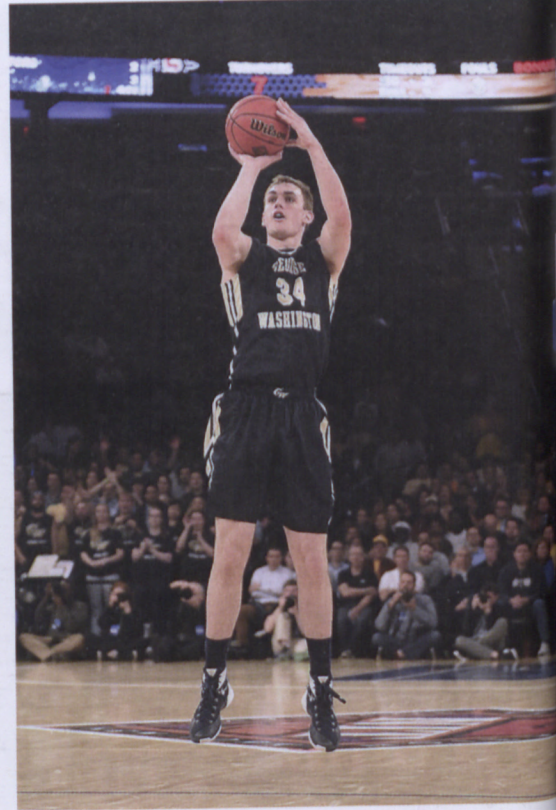
Andy Young wins GW Baseball's Fulton Award

GW Baseball had a season-high 9 walks and struck out only 2 times while playing George Mason



An Out of the Men's Baseball **Park Season**





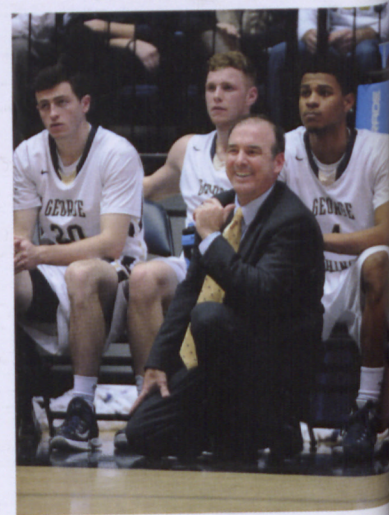
Statistics and Highlights

28 wins - 10 losses

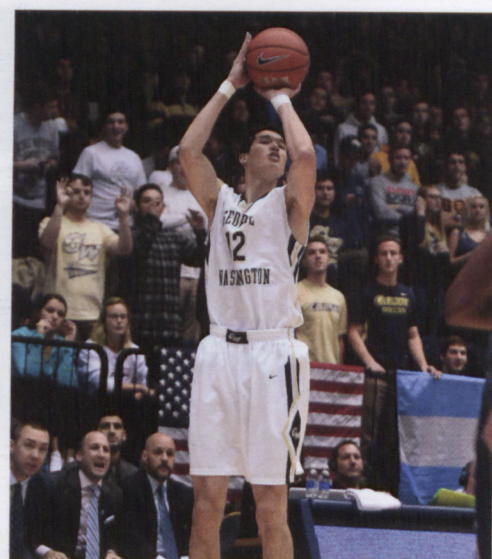
GW Men's Basketball wins the National Invitation Tournament after defeating Valparaiso at Madison Square Garden in New York City. This was the first time that the GW's Men's Basketball team has ever won a postseason championship.

GW's Men's Basketball defeats University of Virginia 73-68

GW's Men's Basketball makes it to the Atlantic 10 quarterfinals



A Season of Monumental Men's Basketball Success





Statistics and Highlights

26 wins - 7 losses

GW Women's Basketball wins the Atlantic 10 tournament for the 2nd year in a row

In the NCAA tournament, No. 8 GW fell to No. 9 Kansas State following a close game with the final score 56-51

Senior Jonquel Jones was selected 6th overall in the 2016 WNBA draft, later being traded to the Connecticut Suns



Swishing towards Women's Basketball Success





Statistics and Highlights

GW Men's Golf won 11 of 12 matches in the Atlantic 10 Match Play Championships

GW Men's Golf takes 4th place in the Atlantic 10 Championship

Christian Cichan and Logan Lowe finished in the top 15 of the Atlantic 10 Championship

Freshman Logan Lowe was nominated to the All-Conference team

GW Men's Golf finished the season with a 297.19 team scoring average, the second best in team history



Teeing Off

Men's Golf **the Charts**





Statistics and Highlights

GW Women's Gymnastics won the Lindsey Ferris Invitational with 13 total podium appearances

Sophomore Jillian Winstanley won the vault title and sophomore Alex Zois won the uneven bar title at the East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) Championship. The team placed 3rd overall.

At the NCAA Athens Regional, GW Women's Gymnastics earned its highest ever postseason score with a 195.55, placing 5th



Leaping to New Heights

Women's Gymnastics





Statistics and Highlights

4 wins - 13 losses

Senior Olivia Boudreau and junior Bailey Forcier were both named to the All-Conference Second Team

Graduate student Jacqui Stevens was named to the All-Academic Team



Rising in the Women's Lacrosse Ranks



Making His Mark

Moudy Abdel Maksoud in Sports



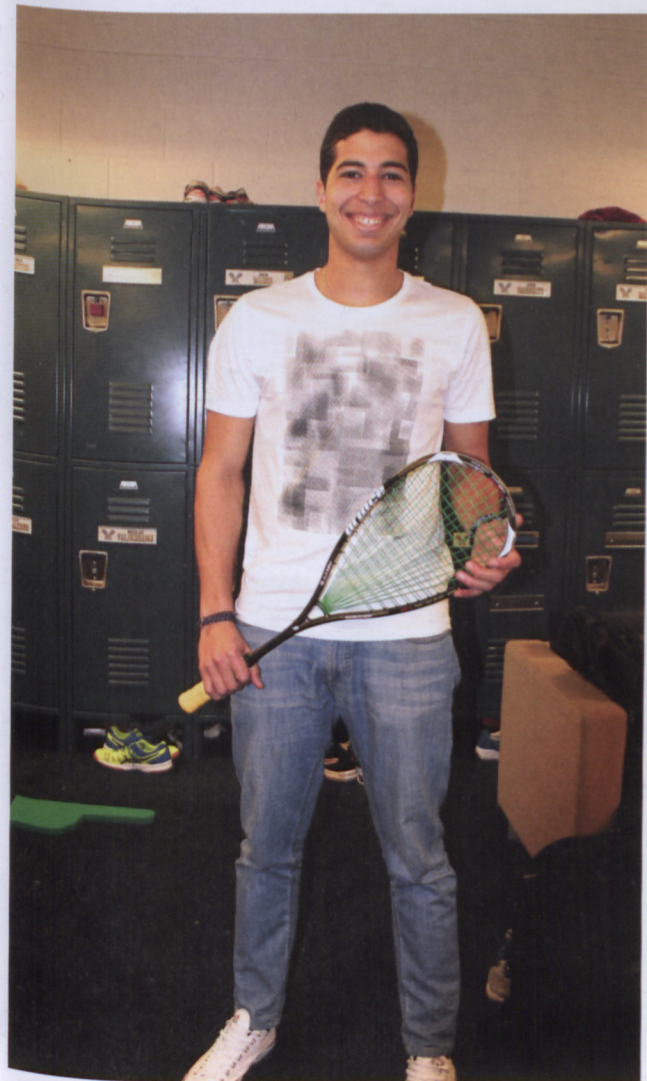
Member of the GW Squash team rises to success as a freshman

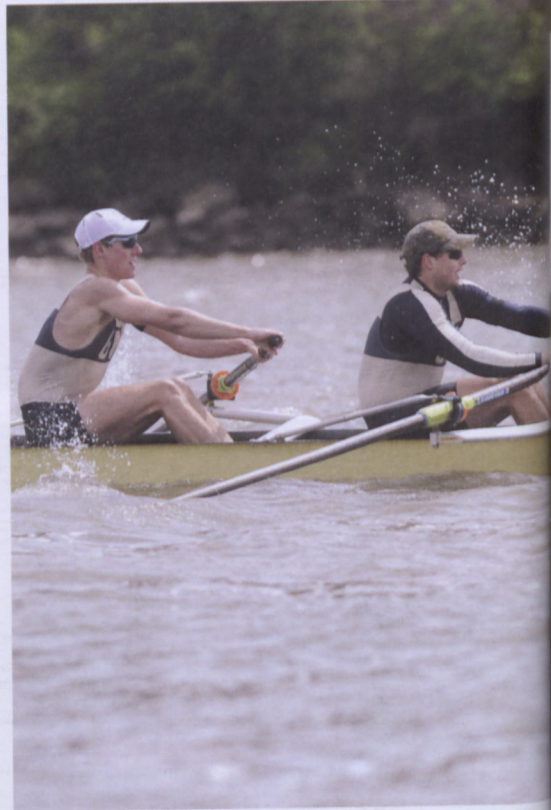
In late February, the top players of the GW Squash team went to individuals, where each player competed against the very best squash players from a number of other colleges. Among them was Moudy Abdel Maksoud, the team's top player. He ranked 22nd, which he himself deemed a weaker showing, having lost in the quarters. However, in games before this, he has defeated top players from many of the highest ranked institutions.

Moudy Abdel Maksoud hails from Cairo, Egypt. He credits his childhood and life in Egypt as the source of his skills in squash, discussing how serious the sport is taken in Egypt. He went to high school in Rhode Island, and joined GW in the fall. This is his first year on the Squash team, and the freshman is already the top player on the team, consistently ranked as their number one player.

A Competitive Squash player with a great many more victories than defeats, Moudy has said that competitions have been harder than any he has previously faced. However, despite facing challenges throughout the season, this has been one of the squash team's best. Moudy was one of several GW players who played in the competition, and many of them came out in high positions.

The GW Squash Team is a relatively new team on campus. They have, in the past few years, risen through collegiate ranks. In the next few years, Moudy believes the team will become one of the top teams in the country, and Moudy will be one of those students leading them in the team's success.





Statistics and Highlights

GW Men's Rowing won two out of three races to place 2nd overall in the Oliver T. Carr Bowl on the Potomac River

Competing against Georgetown, Rutgers and Williams, GW Men's Rowing won all five races that it competed in on Lake Carnegie



Pulling Past

Men's Rowing **the Competition**





Statistics and Highlights

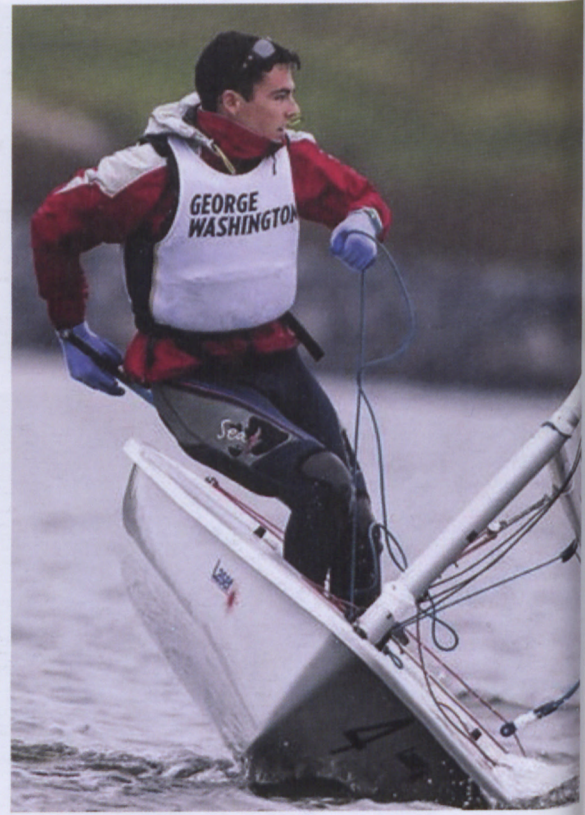
GW Women's Rowing team won three out of four races on the Occoquan River to win both the George's Trophy and the Class of 1998 Cup

In the Atlantic 10 Championship, GW Women's Rowing team had four boats advance to the Grand Finals. The team tied for 5th place overall. The team's performance at the championship was an improvement from last year's championship performance.



Cruising Through the Women's Rowing Finish Line





Statistics and Highlights

GW Sailing won the MAISA Women's Dinghy in October, beating No. 7 Georgetown and No. 5 St. Mary's

The Colonials made it to nationals for both the Women's and Coed divisions, marking the most successful season of the program

Sophomore Miranda Bakos, senior Hannah McNomee, sophomore Belle Strachan and junior Brendan Shanahan were honored by the MAISA All-Conference Awards Committee



River Sailing Racers





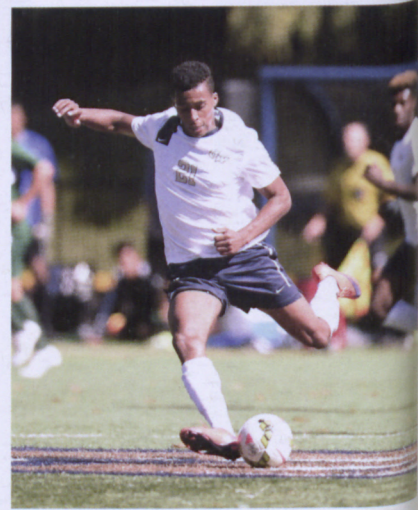
Statistics and Highlights

10 wins - 8 losses

Junior Garrett Heine scored on a penalty kick in double-overtime to bring the team into the Atlantic 10 Championships

GW Men's Soccer made it to the Atlantic 10 Championship quarterfinals, losing to VCU

Six team members—Garrett Heine, Tobi Adewole, Christian Lawal, Jack Lopez, Matthew Scott and Sam Summerlin—and Coach Craig Jones received All Conference awards

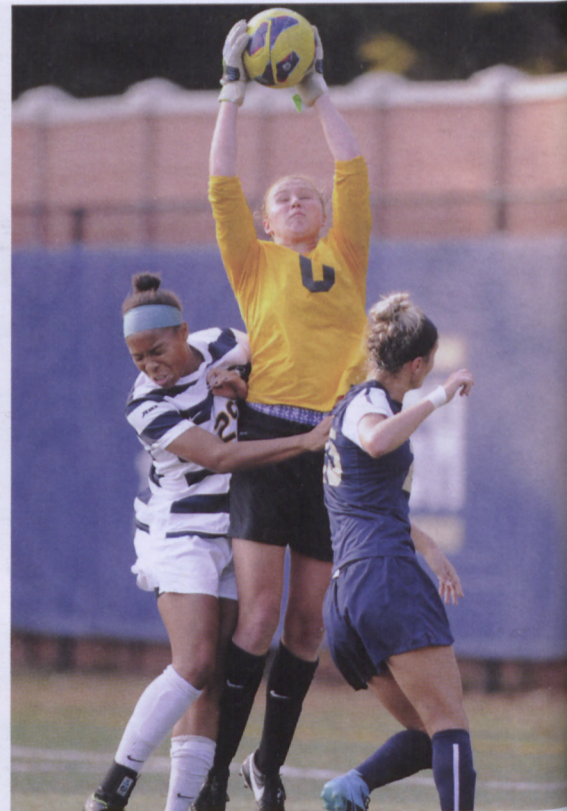


Dribble, Shoot

Men's Soccer

and Score





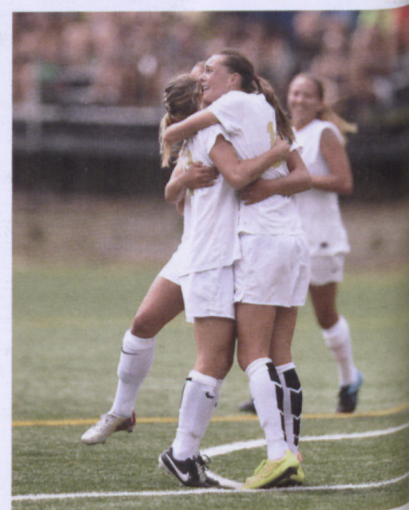
Statistics and Highlights

15 wins - 5 losses

GW Women's Soccer were the 2015 Atlantic 10 Regular Season Champions

Achieved a program record 13-game win streak (led nation to close regular season) and program record 12 shutouts

Players Brooke Stoller, Miranda Horn and Kristi Abbate were nominated to the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region Teams



Breaking Records

Women's Soccer on the Field





Statistics and Highlights

23 wins - 29 losses

GW Women's Softball earned a spot at the Atlantic 10 Championship for the first time since 2013

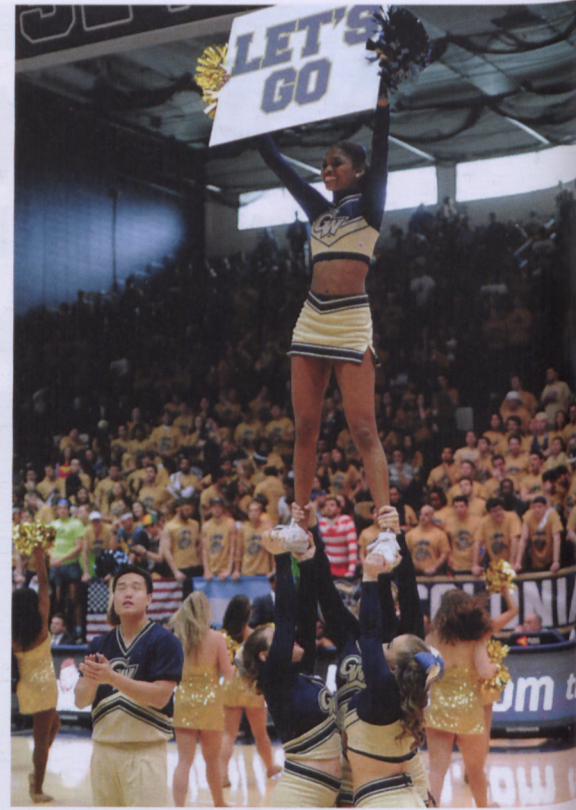
Juniors Monica Macchiarulo and Megan Linn received All Conference honors

Junior Megan Linn set a new program record for career steals



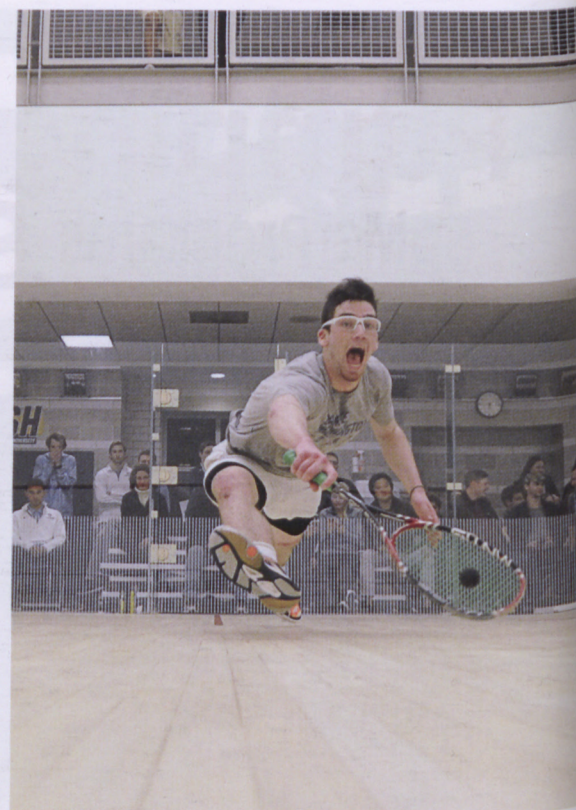
Where Stealing is a Women's Softball **Good Thing**





Pumping Up the Spirit Programs **School Spirit**





Statistics and Highlights

14 wins - 7 losses

GW Men's Squash rally to defeat Princeton 5-4, earning an end-of-season ranking of 11th in the nation

Freshman Moudy Abdel-Maksoud, sophomore Oisin Logan and junior Nicolas Valderrama were chosen to attend the College Squash Association (CSA) Individual National Championships

The team's season-ending ranking of 11th in the nation set a record as the highest program ranking in history



Fighting until the Men's Squash Finish





Statistics and Highlights

9 wins - 9 losses

GW Women's Squash defeated No. 14 Franklin & Marshall in the consolation final of the Kurtz Cup (B-Division) at the College Squash Association (CSA) National Championships

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education magazine has named Gabriela Porras the 2016 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award winner for women's squash. She will advance to the ballot for Female Athlete of the Year.



All Eyes on Women's Squash the Ball



Leader of the Team, Lover of the Sport

Maria Sinagra





Sailing captain pushes the team to achieve greatness

Senior Maria Sinagra is beginning her final year on the sailing team. While not a captain, she still keeps a position of leadership, helping out younger members of the team.

The sailing team actually began the year Maria joined GW as a freshman in 2012. Before then, sailing was offered as Club Sport, and this would be the first time GW students would sail competitively. This gave Maria the unique opportunity of being on a varsity team that still had much of the club sport mentality. Their new coach had a set 5-year plan over the course of which the team would go from being a brand new sports organization to a competitive team even amongst other, older programs. Four years later, Maria believes that they have achieved that goal.

Many of the goals set in those early days of the Sailing team have been achieved. The team has made Nationals, the women's team finishing in 13th place last year, with the highest individual member placing in 4th. The team's numbers have swelled, to the point where there are two teams, a co-ed team and an all-women's team. Members race both by themselves and in groups of two, both competing in regattas, or races between boats on various teams. Of the two options, Maria prefers to sail by herself. Competitions take place over two days, and the scores over those two days are combined for the team's score.

Members of GW Sailing are accustomed to a strenuous and busy schedule. They practice every weekday, except Monday, and also travel over Spring Break to Charleston, South Carolina, to compete and practice. When discussing her own sailing style, Maria says that stronger winds suit her over other sailors, due to her height and strength relative to her usual opponents.

In Maria's final year, she hopes for the team to do as well as possible, and that they do even better than they did at Nationals the year before. The Sailing Team has come a long way since they began her freshman year.





Statistics and Highlights

The Colonials took fifth place in the Atlantic 10 Championships, placing ahead of George Mason, Davidson and Fordham

After setting conference records in all three of his individual events, GW men's swimming and diving junior Andrea Bolognesi took home the Atlantic 10 Championships' Most Outstanding Performer award

Junior Andrea Bolognesi became the program's first All-American on Friday evening at the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships



Just Keep

Men's Swim & Dive

Swimming





Statistics and Highlights

GW Women's Swimming and Diving team set multiple new school records at the 2016 Atlantic 10 Swimming and Diving Championships:

800-yard freestyle relay (Law, Fusco, Reinker, Zhang)

200-yard individual medley (Law)

100-yard breaststroke (Steagall)

400-yard medley relay (Steagall, Fusco, Law, Zhang)

The team wrapped up the four-day 2016 Atlantic 10 Championships, finishing in ninth place, a two-place increase from the previous season



Making a Splash

Women's Swim & Dive in the Records





Statistics and Highlights

14 wins - 8 losses

GW Men's Tennis won the Atlantic 10 championship, defeating VCU 4-3

With their championship, the team received their 3rd consecutive Atlantic 10 title

GW Men's Tennis has won 5 Atlantic 10 championships in the past 6 seasons



Acing the Men's Tennis Game





Statistics and Highlights

8 wins - 14 losses

Sophomore Teodora Radosavljevic earned a No. 111 ITA national singles ranking by the governing body of college tennis. This is the highest ranking for a Colonial since 1993.

Sophomore Teodora Radosavljevic, freshman Sara Grubac and sophomore Marie-Louise Decamps received All-Conference honors



Serving up to Women's Tennis Success





Statistics and Highlights

GW Men's Cross Country placed 2nd in the DCXC/GW Invitational

In the Atlantic 10 Championships, senior Ryan Tucker placed 3rd, tying for the best finish in program history

The team placed 11th in the Atlantic 10 Championships and went on to place 16th out of 25 in the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regionals



A Race to the Men's Track & Cross-Country **Finish Line**





Statistics and Highlights

GW Women's Cross Country placed 5th in the Atlantic 10 Championships

Sophomore Miranda DiBiasio earned an Indoor Track All-Conference honor after placing 4th in the Atlantic 10 Championship

Junior Ariana North, junior Kirsten Nottingham and sophomore Malone Gabor set new program records for women's track while competing at the Morgan State Legacy Meet



Sprint from the Women's Track & Cross-Country **Start**



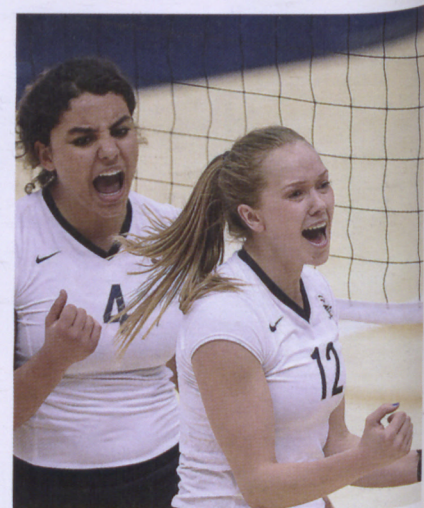


Statistics and Highlights

21 wins - 11 losses

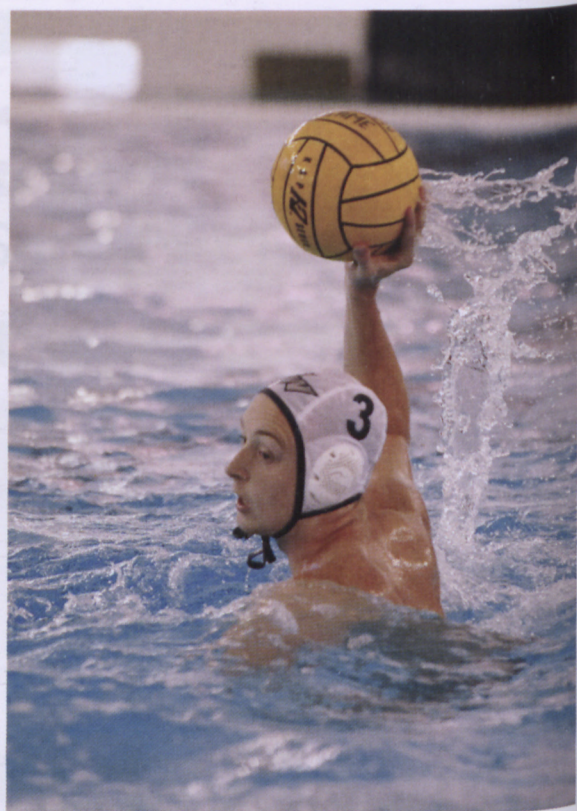
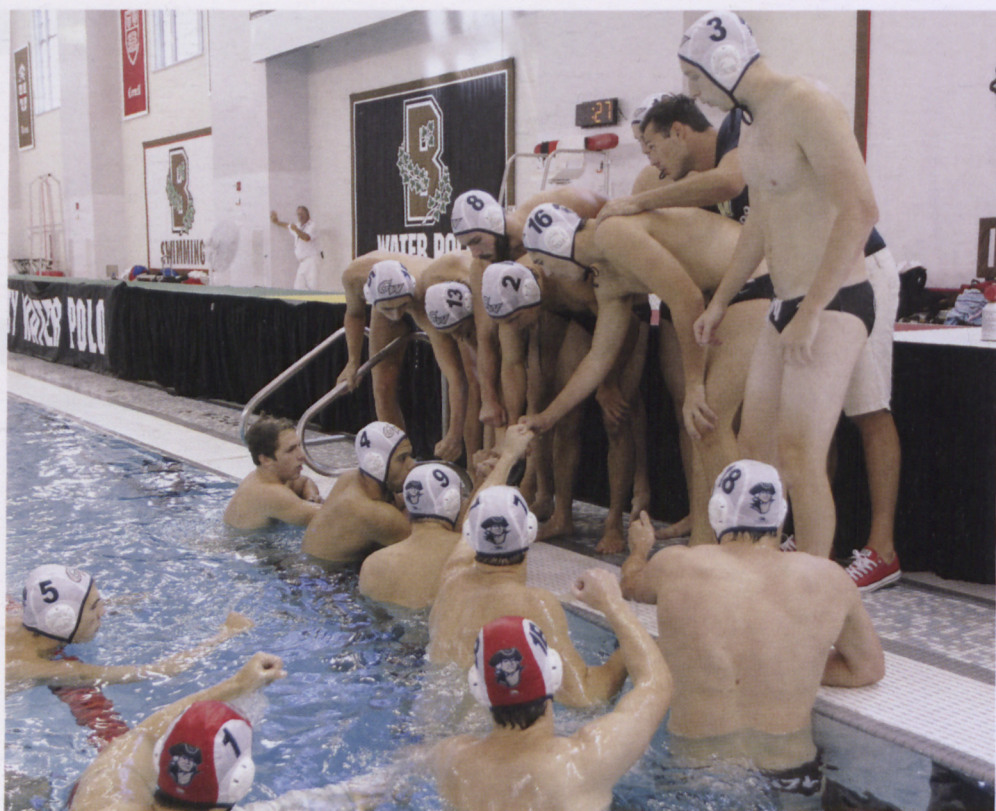
The No. 4 seed, GW made it to the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 Championships, falling to Dayton 3-2

Junior Chidima Osuchkwu was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-East Region First Team for the 2nd consecutive season



Setting the Women's Volleyball Standard





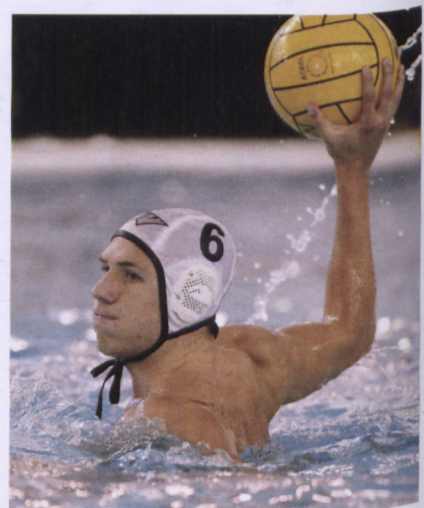
Statistics and Highlights

8 wins - 22 losses

The fifth-seeded George Washington men's water polo team placed fifth at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Southern Division Championship

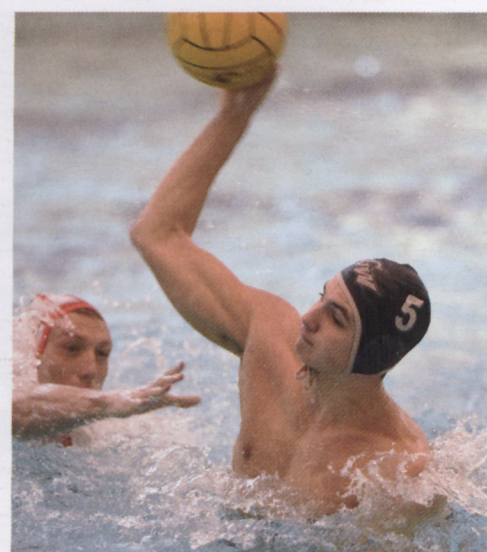
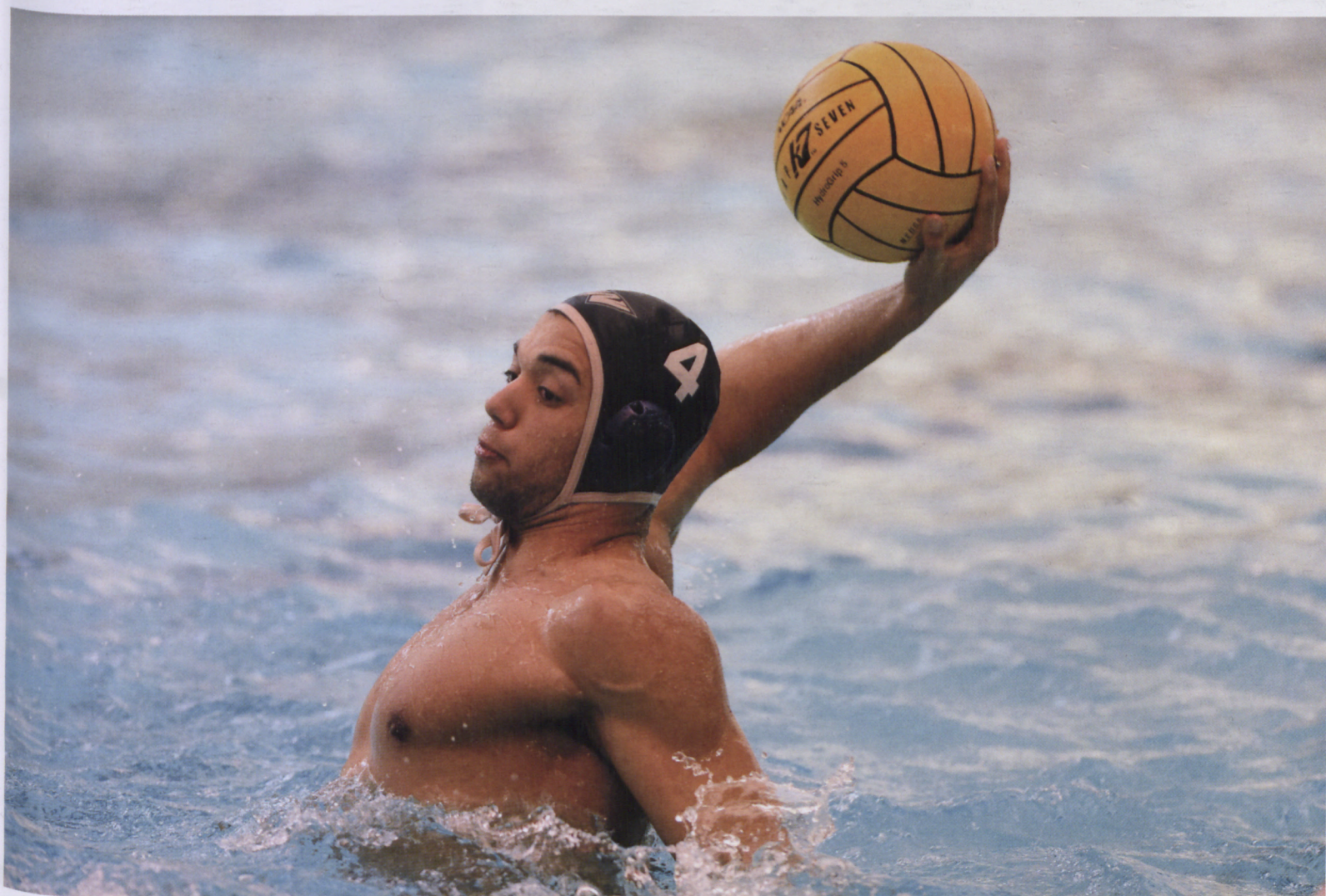
GW fell to No. 15 Bucknell in the first round of the Collegiate Water Polo Association Championship

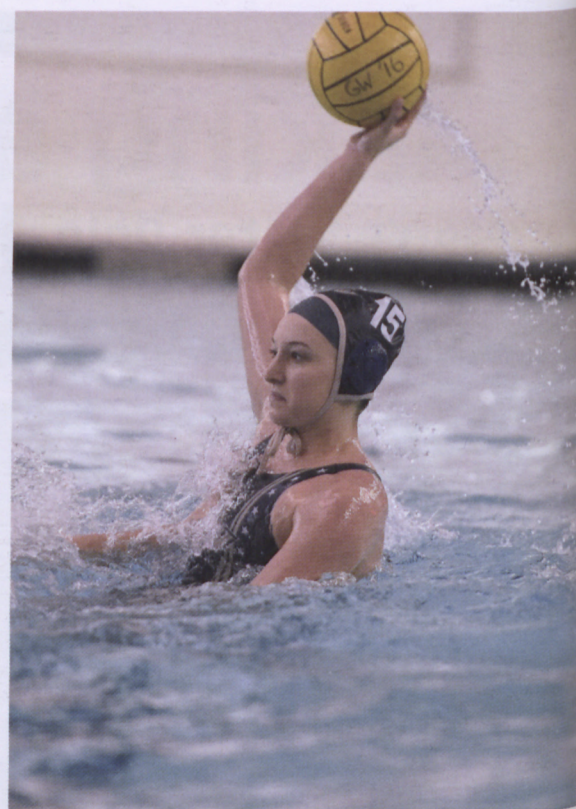
Sophomore Pierce Deamer was selected for the All-Southern Division First Team



Making a Splash

Men's Water Polo **this Season**





Statistics and Highlights

8 wins - 19 losses

Senior Hannah Cox set the all-time scoring record for the program

GW Women's Water Polo beat No. 22 Iona at the Lancer Invite. This was the first time that the team has downed a ranked opponent since at least 2006



Rising in the Women's Water Polo Ranks



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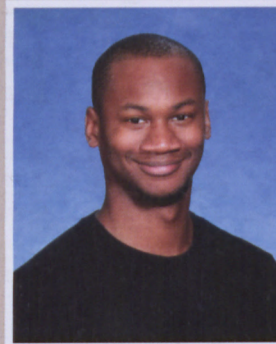
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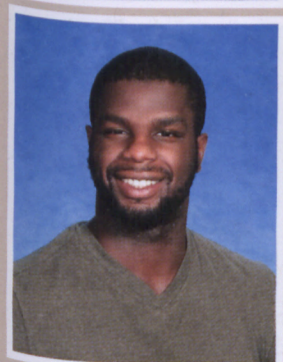
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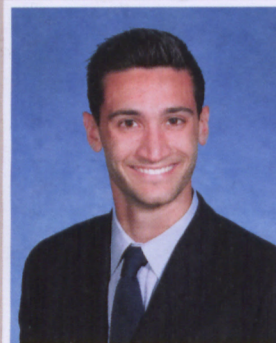
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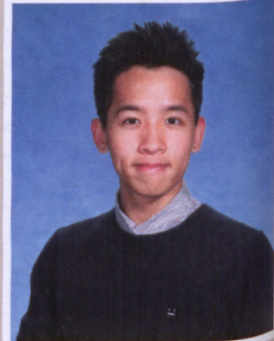
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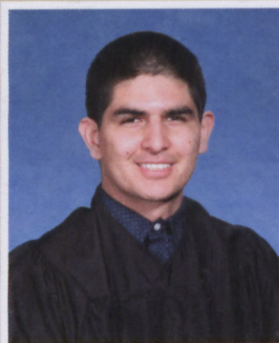
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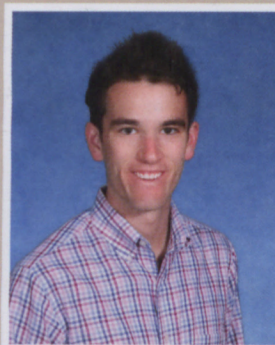
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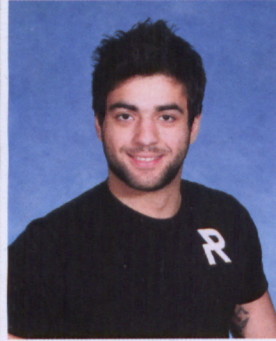
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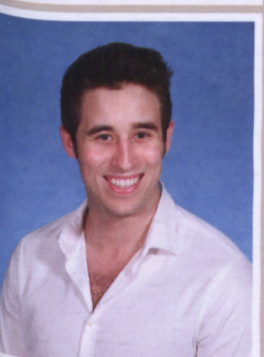
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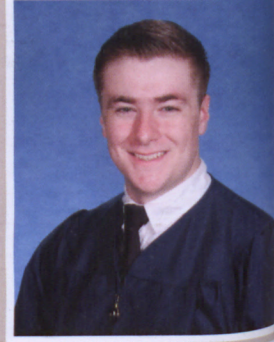
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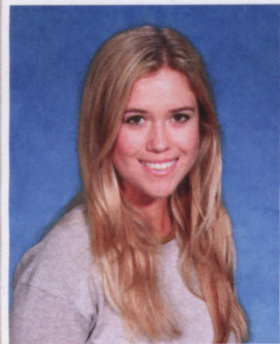
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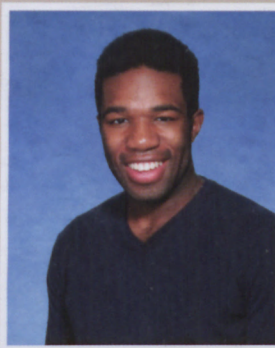
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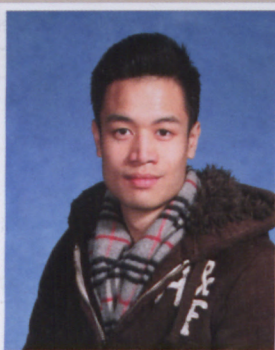
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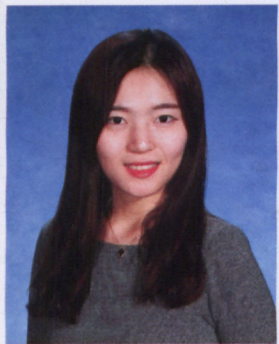
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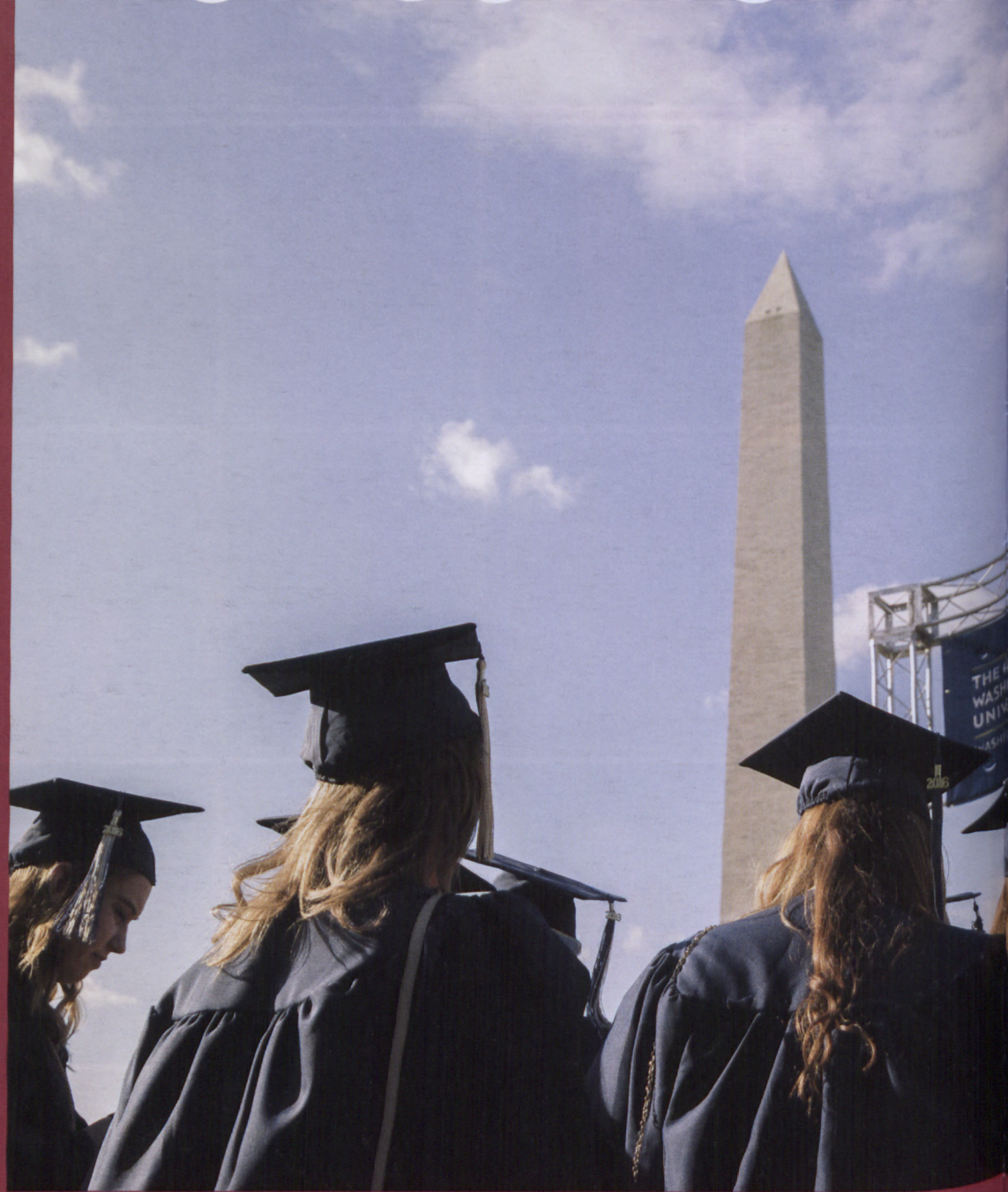
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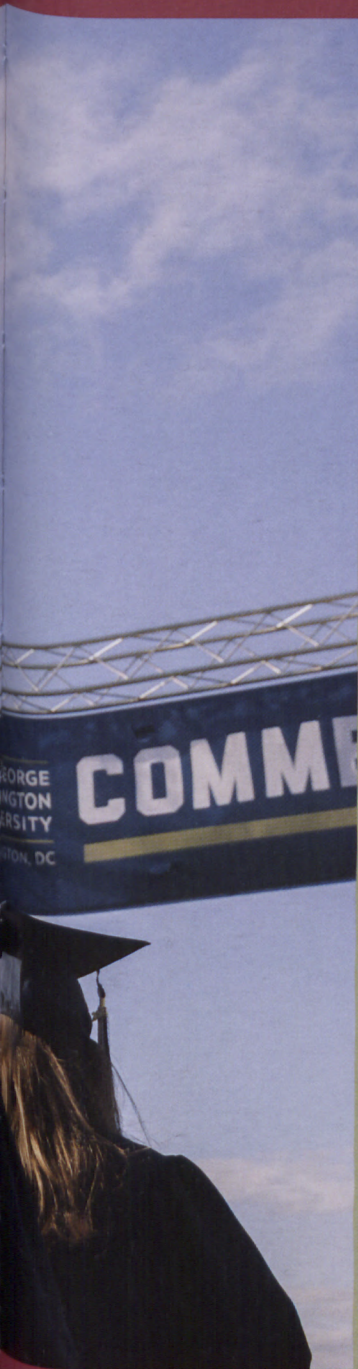
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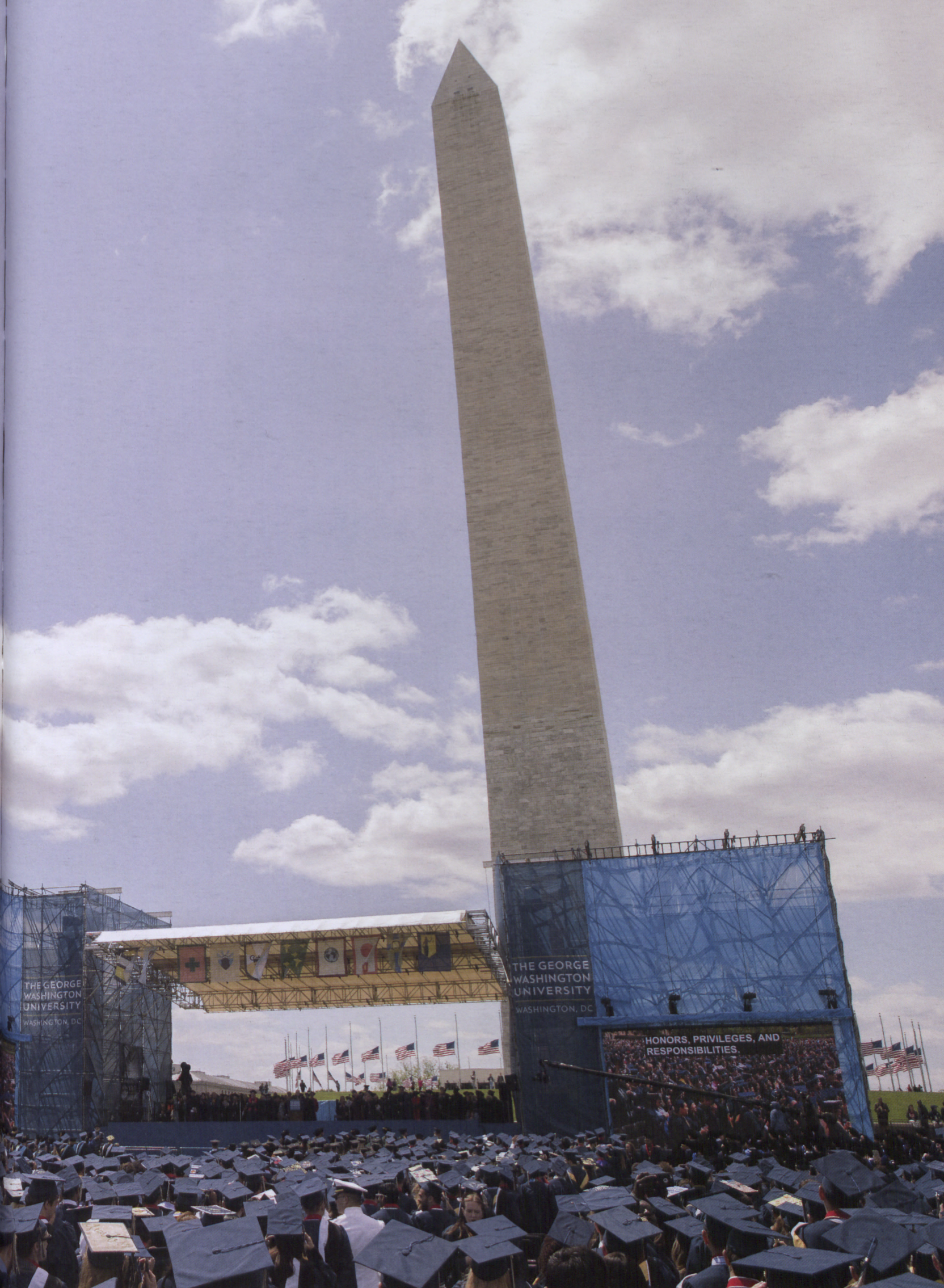












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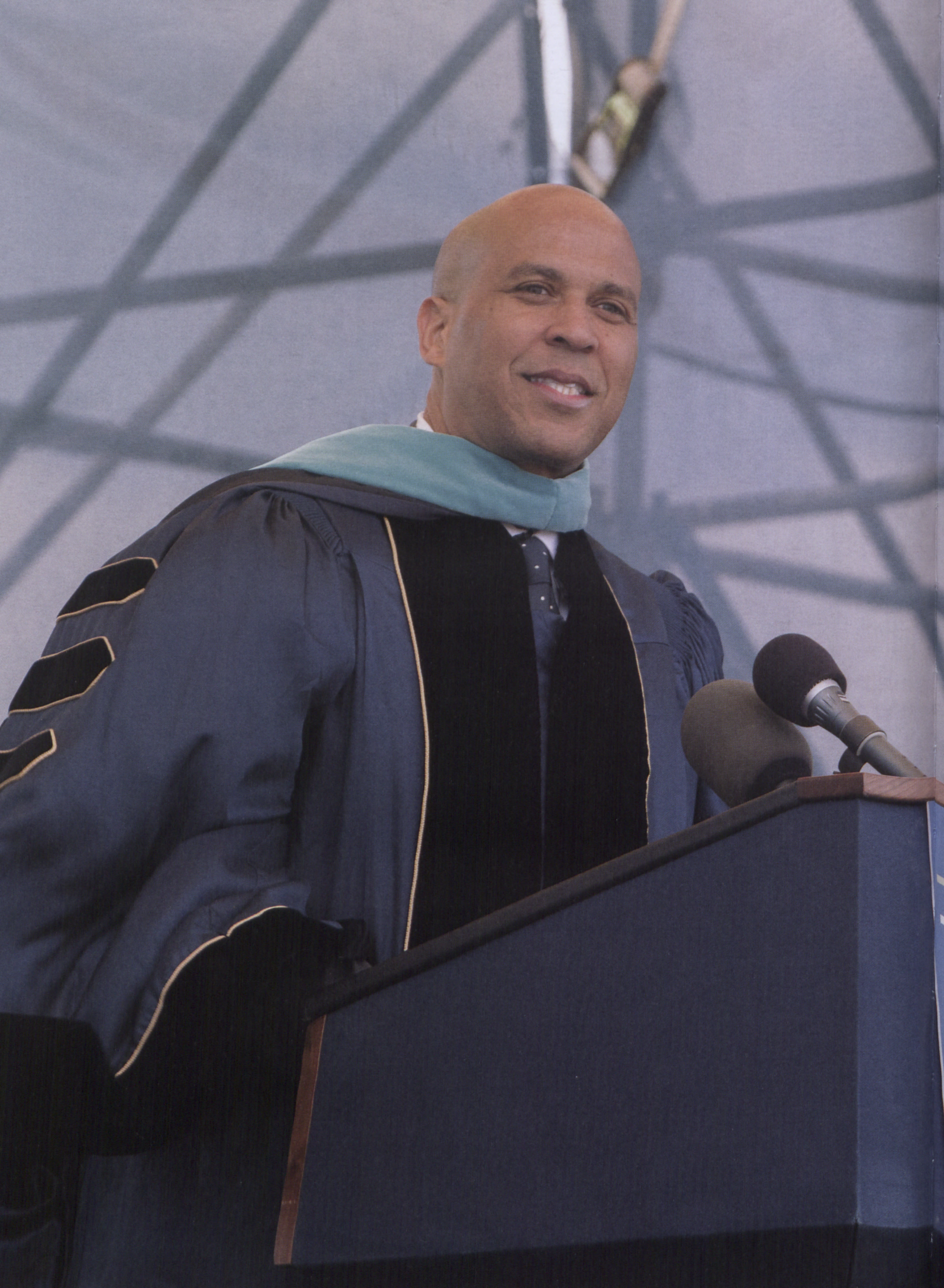
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**"Pioneer a field,
take a risk or start
a new adventure"
- Julia Haigney, BA '11, JD '16**





**"As you run towards
your great goals of
world change, slow
down, and look
around you and
change that world"
- US Senator Cory Booker**

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Daniel Soyak



Daniel,
We love you and we are
very proud of you. Be
bold, be courageous, be
your best. There is no
script. Live your life. Soak
it all in.
Love, Baba and Mama



Jessica Gibilisco



Dear Jessica, Congratulations on your very successful graduation. You have done it your way. "Four years of hard work, The Dean's List and the Early acceptance in Medical School." We are very proud to call you our daughter. Continue to challenge yourself, never compromise on your principles, love what you do, respect all but never fear anyone or anything. May God always bless you and protect you. Remember, we will always be there for you.
Love forever,
Mom, Dad and Monica

Olivia Jefferson



Our dearest Olivia,
We are so very proud of you and what you have accomplished in such a short time. One of the many things that is amazing about you is that you consistently exceed our expectations and even dreams of what you can accomplish in life. You have become such a beautiful and loving young woman that we love beyond words. Congratulations on graduating from GWU and best wishes for a life deserving of your dedication to your interests.
Love and happiness to you always,
Momma and Daddy



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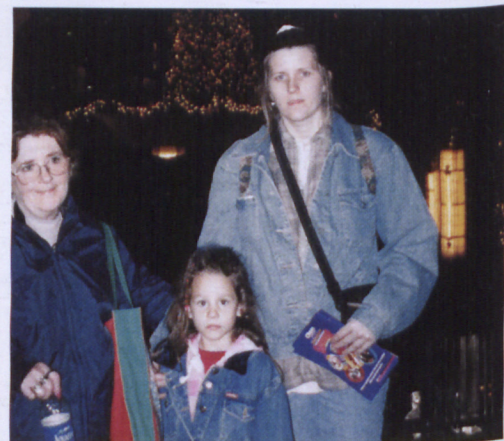
Dear Yiyang, Laura, Jack, and Matt:

Congratulations to all of our graduating Eboard members! Best of luck in everything you do - be it archaeology, conservation, art history, or banking.

- Alexis and Joe

Emma Caroline Reid

Emma Caroline, This major milestone in your life is an extremely joyous, yet sad and bittersweet one. When I first held you in my arms I never imagined time would pass by so quickly. The decades seemed to have flown by like months and it is almost inconceivable for me to think that my little tiny baby is now a college graduate. You have grown into the most amazing and wonderful young lady and the best daughter a Mama could ever ask for. I have been so extremely blessed having you in my life and I wouldn't have wanted it any other way. Our life together is and will always be just as you are, perfect! Running a close second to the day you were born, this day, your college graduation, is the proudest day for your Grandmother with regard to you as well. Although your namesake and best friend couldn't be with you in person as you walked across the stage, please know that she was, and will always be watching over you from Heaven and is proud of you beyond your comprehension. Memories and thoughts can never take the place of the here and now, but as you accepted your diploma that you were so deserving of, I hope you paused for a moment, smiled and felt her love surround you in that moment because it will always be there no matter what. She so enjoyed every moment of your life and helping me raise you. You brought her such an enormous amount of joy and happiness. She also had so much fun coming to all your GWU functions and sharing everything with you. But on your graduation day, she had one heck of a party in Heaven instead, with our other family members and all "the ladies", in your honor. You were and always will be the most important person in her life and the light of her life! She loved you best, and everyone knew that irrefutable fact. This is an outstanding achievement and accomplishment and you should be so proud of yourself as well. Given the fact that you persevered and stuck with it in spite of all the great adversities and tragedy you dealt with during your collegiate years is a major testament to your strength, character and diligence. You have made me and your Grandma proud beyond what any mere words could ever express. We both love you "tons and bushels and heaps" forever, Mom and Grandma



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Congratulations & Best Wishes

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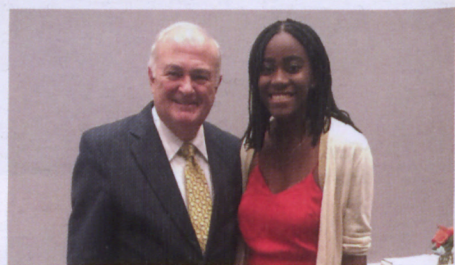
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Avonda Fogan

To the Apple of our eyes
Vivacious
Outstanding
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Awesome

Mom, Dad, Aunts, Uncles,
Godmothers, Godfather,
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Greg Dumas

Congratulations Greg! We could not be more proud of you!
With Love, Mom, Dad, Anita and all your Family



GW Ice Hockey

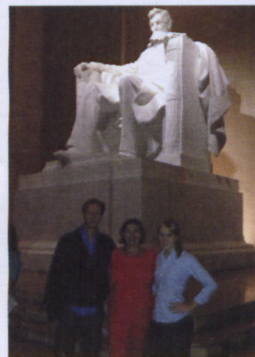
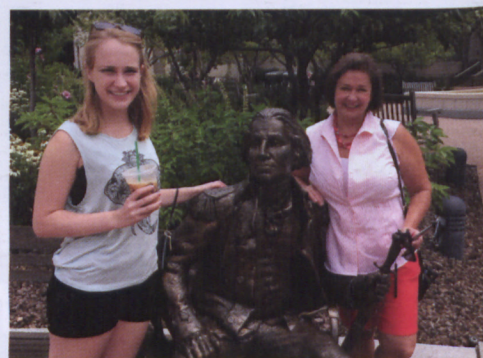
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And thank you to this season's seniors for their years of service:
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Megan Dunn

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6 NKJV



Congratulations Megan!

*Our Love Always!
Mom and Dad*





PingHwa Okorie



Congratulations Class of 2016

As seniors, you probably have lots
of questions.

Where does the tassel go? What will I
do with the rest of my life? How do I
join the GW Alumni Association?

*On the right. You'll do amazing
things. You're already a member!*

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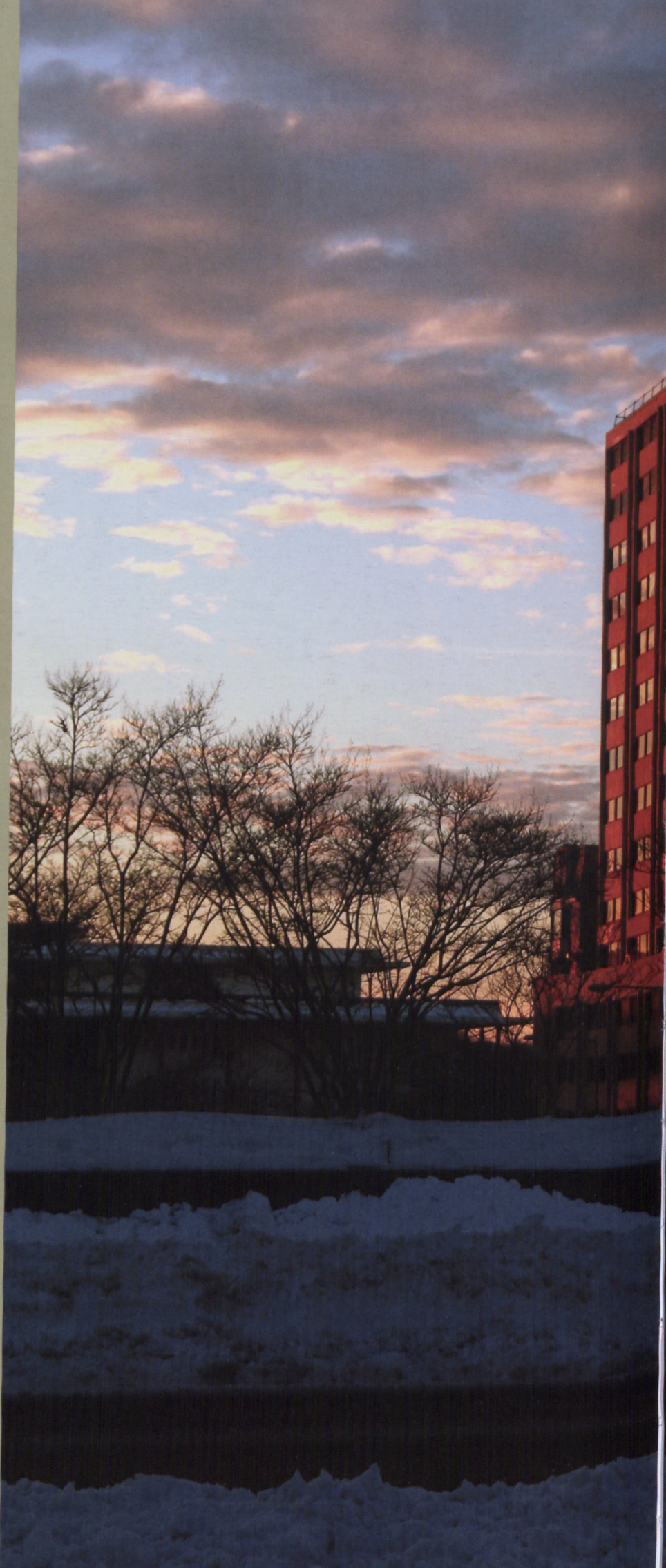


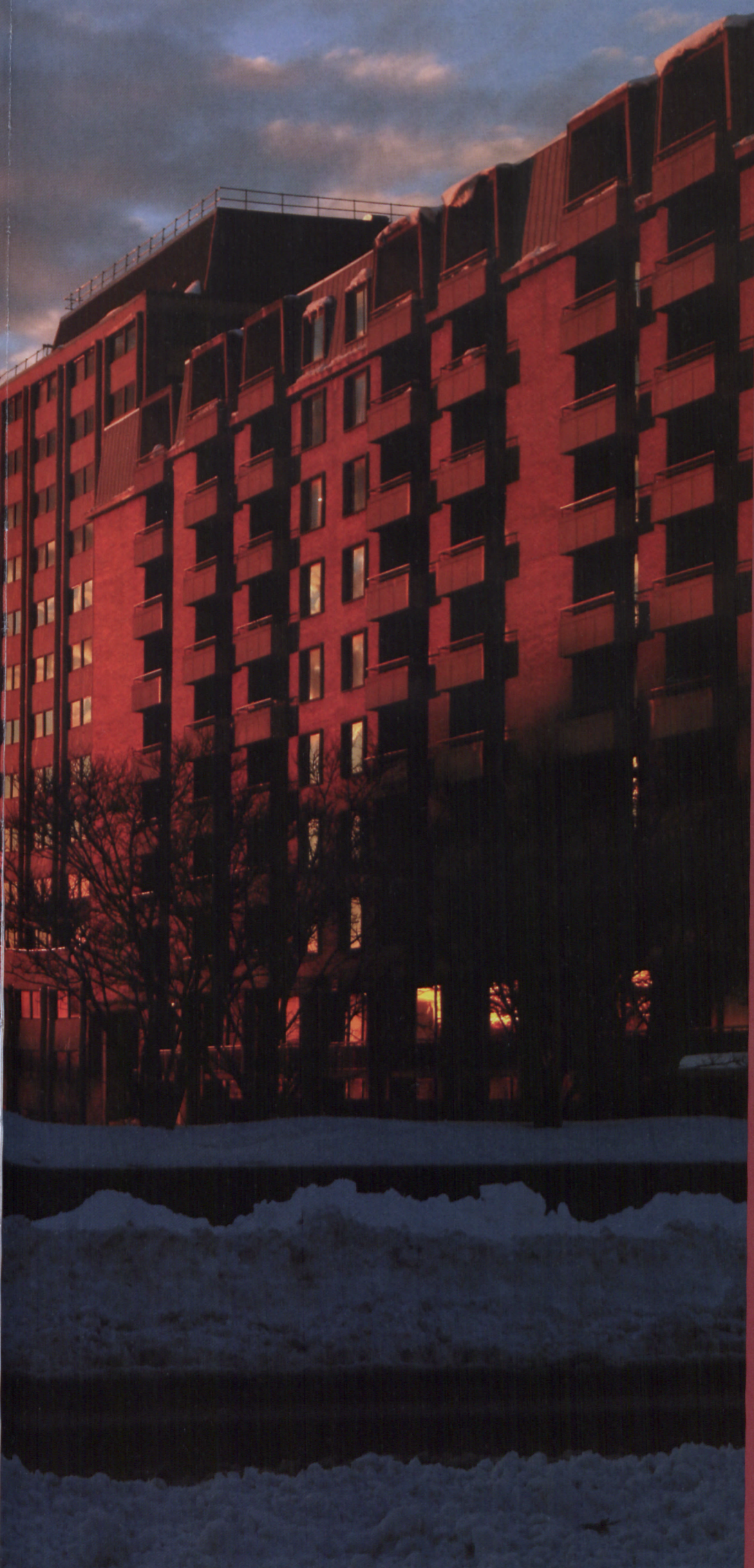
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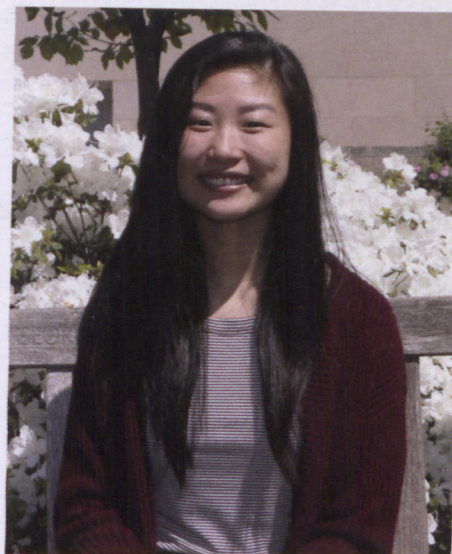
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Volume 108 is 252 pages and total press run was 500. All students who sat for portraits received a yearbook. The 252 pages of this book were printed on 100 pound matte stock. The two end sheets of this book were printed on white VC-01 stock. The cover of this book is a 4-color Vista Lithograph on Vibratex Linen with 120 point board weight. The cover was designed by yearbook representative Adrienne Sentz in collaboration with Editor-in-Chief Alexis Clark and Design Editor Samantha Fischer.

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